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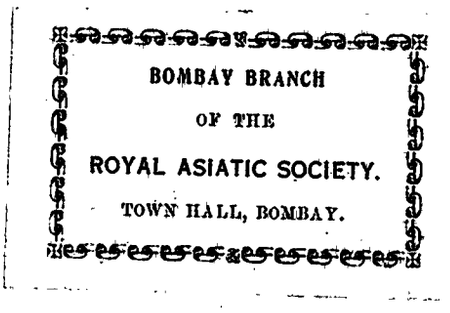

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out of 538 cases brought to a conclusion, 371 were given in favor of the Court of Wards, and only 67 decided against it, 100 being compromised.

5. Though the appeals in such cases have diminished in number, the percentage of decisions against Government has increased. Of 43 such decided no fewer than 22 were given against the Court of Wards.

6. The result of Government cases in the High Court is very satisfactory, though the one case lost is a case of much importance.

7. The attention of Collectors will be drawn to the case noticed in paragraphs 7—9 of the report on the effect of the Privy Council's decision in the Lopez case upon the procedure under Act IX of 1847. The Chief Justice has very clearly pointed out that the decision of the Privy Council in that now well-known case does not touch the powers of the revenue authorities under Act IX of 1847.

8. The Member in charge is glad to observe that the decision of the Judge was upheld by the High Court in the case, Jogesh Chunder Dutt *versus* Government, mentioned in paragraph 10 of the report.

9. The Member in charge is disposed to agree in the view expressed by Mr. Bell in paragraph 21 that some more summary way of recovering stamp fees in pauper suits than that now authorised is necessary. Mr. Schalch has reason to fear that the permission to sue *in formâ pauperis* is often given without due consideration.

10. Paragraphs 24 and 25 give instances of mismanagement of proceedings under Act VI of 1857. It is a matter for congratulation that the carelessness of the arbitrators in one case defeated an award so manifestly unconscionable.

11. Though the comparison of sums awarded to Government and sums decreed against it hardly forms an exact criterion of the wisdom of Government litigation, the financial results cannot be deemed satisfactory. The amount awarded Government was a little over one lakh of rupees, while nearly double that sum was given against Government in other cases. The amount realised was only Rs. 16,105 against 58,102 disbursed.

12. In Wards' Estates the disbursements exceeded the receipts, and the outstandings are very heavy.

13. In conclusion, I am to add that the acknowledgments of the Board are due to Messrs. Bell, Beaufort, and Bainbridge for their zealous and able performance of the duties of Legal Remembrancer during the periods for which they respectively held office.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. GEOGHEGAN,

Offg. Secretary.

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No. 854, dated Fort William, the 11th August 1873.

From—H. BELL, Esq., Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

To—The Secretary to the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces.

I HAVE the honor to submit for the information of the Board, the following report upon the result of the civil litigation in which Government was engaged during the year 1872-73.

2. The total number of cases under trial during the year was 1,221, of which 929 were original suits, and 292 appeals. I shall adhere to the classification I adopted last year, and speak first of those cases in which Government was concerned as a principal, and secondly of those cases which were conducted on behalf of the Court of Wards.

3. The litigation in the High Court in Government cases was eminently successful. Out of 20 cases decided we only lost one; but in Court of Wards' cases we were not so successful. Out of 25 cases we lost 7. These results as contrasted with previous years may be stated as follows—

Government Cases.

	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.
Decided in favour of Government ...	23	17	19
Against Government	4	2	1
Compromised or remanded	1	10	3
Percentage in favor of Government ...	85	89	95

Wards' Cases.

Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	32	23	18
Against Court of Wards	9	10	7
Compromised or remanded	4	6	2
Percentage in favor of Court of Wards ...	78	70	72

4. The case which was decided adversely to Government was an exceedingly important one. It was the case of Rajah Nilmoney Sing Deo *versus* Government, in which the Rajah caused a jageer to be sold for arrears of quit-rent, and then purchased the rights and interests of the then jageerdar, and now claims to hold the tenure free from all jageer service. As the Rajah when called upon by the local officers refused either to perform the police duties attached to the tenure, or to appoint a jageerdar to perform the usual service, the Deputy Commissioner of Maunbhoom appointed Nilmoney Deo to the office of jageerdar, and this suit was then brought to obtain for Nilmoney Deo possession of the lands which had been from time immemorial appropriated for the support of the duties of the office. The High Court admitted that these jageerdars had from an early period been appointed by Government and treated as police officers, but such acts, though apparently never before questioned, were considered by the High Court as an unauthorized stretch of authority—"The fact" observed their lordships, "that the Government officers encroached upon the rights of the Rajahs by habitually treating these lands as if they belonged to the class of digwaree jageers is no more evidence of their right than is the document set out by the respondent at page 127 of the printed book proof that the Government officers had a right to compel the ijaradars of Mr. Dhekya to furnish rations for his camp, though apparently they did so.

"It seems to me that the Government fails altogether to make out that the right of appointment to this jageer is vested in it. There is no evidence in the records as to the conditions under which the jageers were originally created, and apparently no such evidence is now forthcoming, for it is stated in Colonel Ousely's proceeding before referred to, that 'during the pendency of the case of Titaram, the special appointment aforenamed, in the civil court, &c., search was made for ancient papers in the offices of the zillah, and the Sudder Board of Revenue in order to ascertain whether the jageer property was attached to the police or not, and what right the zemindar had in the same; and it was for

these papers that the decision of the case was postponed for some years. But no old papers regarding these jageers could be found.' The presumptions derivable from a long continued and uniform course of dealing fail, as there has been no such uniform and long continued course of dealing, and we must therefore hold that whatever may be the right of the Government to compel the Rajah to appoint a jageerdar, it does not extend to appointing one on their own part on his default.

"It may be that the Government can appoint a man to discharge the police duties annexed to the office of jageerdars, if there are any definite duties, and may have a right to call on the zemindar to remunerate that man, or to recover from the zemindar any sums expended on account of the performance of such duties; but this is a very different matter from appointing a jageerdar to take the lands of the zemindar and be responsible to him for the rents thereof; and an appointment made in this manner, such as the appointment of the present plaintiff, does not vest in the Government nominee any title to the lands, he must look to the Government for his remuneration, and the Government must be left to recover from the Rajah what it may be entitled to. If the police service is in any measure a condition of holding the lands in suit, it is so in only a subordinate degree."

5. As it seemed to me that this decision struck at the root of all jageer tenures in Bengal, I sent the papers to the Commissioner requesting his views on the subject, and upon the receipt of his reply the case will be specially reported. If we have no real interest in these jageerdar tenures, I do not see why we should support the jageerdars in their litigation; but if on the contrary they do render substantial service to the State, it is clearly our duty to protect them in the enjoyment of that land to which their service is annexed.

6. In my report (1) for 1870-71 I mentioned a case which had been decided against us by the Subordinate Judge of Tirhoot. In that district as the Board are aware the Government formerly retained in their own hands the nimuk sayer mehals, that is to say the lands which produced saltpetre. In 1846 or about that time the Government having relinquished the manufacture of saltpetre, entered into an arrangement with the landholders to transfer these saltpetre lands to the estates to which they belonged; and these lands were accordingly incorporated with the estates, an additional amount being added to the jumma on account of "nimuk sayer." In the Collector's book the old jumma and the nimuk sayer jumma were kept distinct; but in the payment of the revenue the two jummas were treated as consolidated. In 1861 one of these estates was sold for arrears of revenue, and the question then arose whether the nimuk sayer mehal passed with the estate or not. The Subordinate Judge decided that it did not pass; but the High Court on appeal held that the two jummas were consolidated, and that the nimuk sayer passed by the sale of the estate.

(1) Paragraph 40.

7. I mentioned in my last year's report* the case of Ramjeewan Singh *versus* Government, which was an important case under Act IX of 1847. During the past year, a second and similar case was decided by a full Bench of three Judges, and as the case is one which should be noted by the Collectors it will be as well briefly to notice it.

* Paragraph 26.

8. The plaintiff was the owner of an estate which paid to Government an annual revenue of Rs. 2,661. Upon the general survey of the district in 1844 the estate was found to contain 567 bighas. The plaintiff, however, asserted that these 567 bighas represented but a fourth of the estate, the remaining three-fourths at the time of the survey being as he maintained submerged by the Ganges. A second survey was made in 1864, and the estate was then found to contain 1,553 bighas in excess of the 567 recorded in the survey of 1844. These excess lands were accordingly assessed by the Collector under Act IX of 1847; and it was to contest this assessment that the present suit was brought. The plaintiff contended that the so-called excess land was the land which was submerged in 1844, and was merely land reformed on the ancient site of his estate; and it was contended on the principle laid down

by the Privy Council in Lopez's case 13, Moore's Indian Appeals 467, that the land was the plaintiff's and exempt from assessment. Upon this contention the Lord Chief Justice remarked as follows—

"The decision of the Privy Council is a decision with regard to the property in the land which is so reformed, that is, where the land which was formerly lost to the proprietor by being washed away or submerged is formed upon the old site and the boundaries can be traced; the land so reformed belongs to him.

"But that decision does not touch the construction of this Act, which seems to have been intended to provide in a simple way for the case where, upon the inspection of the new map, there appears either to have been a loss of land to the estate, or an addition to it as it appeared on the former survey.

"It appears to me that this is a case coming within Section 6, where power is given to assess the land which had been reformed, and there the same section says expressly that the orders of the Sudder Board of Revenue shall be final in such a matter. If the present plaintiff had any case at all, it was one for the consideration of the Sudder Board of Revenue, and not for a suit in a civil court."

9. I may mention that a full report of these cases will be found at pages 64 and 127 of the *Weekly Reporter*, Vols. XVIII and XIX.

10. I mentioned at paragraph 22 of last report that this troublesome case with regard to the Howrah barracks had been brought to a satisfactory termination, the Judge having found in appeal that the Government buildings were erected with the plaintiff's tacit acquiescence, and that the plaintiff was only entitled to a fair ground rent for our occupation of the land. Against this decision the plaintiff specially appealed to the High Court; but the Court rejected his appeal, and the order of the Judge has been confirmed.

Jogish Chunder Dutt
versus
Government.

11. In this case an attempt was made to hold the nazir of the Collector's Court responsible for the misconduct of one of the peons of the establishment. The facts were these—the plaintiff in the case had been sued by his landlord in the Collector's Court for arrears of rent, and in execution of the decree which was obtained against him, his cattle and certain other moveable property was attached. The peon, who attached the property, reported to the nazir that he had placed it in the custody of certain respectable persons, who had given an undertaking for its safe custody. After the attachment of the property the plaintiff paid the amount of the decree; and the property was ordered to be restored to him. The peon, who was deputed to carry out the orders of the Court, reported that nothing further remained to be done as the property had never been taken out of the plaintiff's possession. The plaintiff on the contrary asserted that the property had not been left in his possession but had been carried off by the landlord; and as he could not obtain from the peon the restitution of the property, he instituted this suit against the nazir for its value. No personal misconduct was alleged against the nazir; it was simply sought to render him personally liable for the misconduct of his subordinate peons. The two lower courts held that he was responsible, and against these decisions we specially appealed on the ground that the peon being enrolled under Bengal Act V, 1863, was as much a Government servant as the nazir, and that it was a well established principle of law that one Government servant was not responsible for the misconduct of another Government servant, though subordinate to him. In other words that the relation of principal and agent did not apply to Government officers *inter se*, and the maxim of respondent superior was not therefore applicable. The High Court (Jackson and Mitter, J. J.) after an elaborate review of the case held that the peon and nazir were equally public officers, and that the nazir was in no way responsible for the misconduct of the peon.

Kally Coomer Chatterjee
versus
Seddessur Mundle.

12. In connection with the duties of a Magistrate, the only case which requires notice is that of Shibnath Sirkar and others *versus* Magistrate of Dinagepore. As however this case has been already specially reported, it will

be sufficient to state that the High Court (Couch, C. J. and Glover J.) have ruled that where a Magistrate has decided after a formal inquiry under the Criminal Procedure Code that a certain house is built upon the public road, it is not open to the Civil Court to find that the house is not an obstruction on the ground that it stands upon private property and not upon the public road.

13. A very important land compensation case was decided by the High Court during the year. The Government acquired under Act X, 1870, a house standing upon 16 bighas of land at Cossipore, and tendered as a fair price Rs. 74,058. The house had been some years in the occupation of Government at a rent of Rs. 3,900 a year; and the Deputy Collector's offer, therefore, amounted to 19 years' purchase of the rent. In arriving at this amount the Deputy Collector fixed the value of the house at Rs. 40,390, and the value of the land at Rs. 33,668, valuing the land at Rs. 100 a cottah. I think the valuation was based on a wrong principle, because the market value of the house ought clearly to have been calculated on the rental it produced. The owner of the house, Baboo Heera Lall Seal, however, claimed Rs. 2,33,043; for the house Rs. 65,000, and for the land Rs. 1,68,043 at Rs. 500 a cottah. The Lower Court awarded the price we offered for the house, and Rs. 38,400 for the land; Rs. 78,793 in all. Against this decision the owner appealed to the High Court, and that tribunal have awarded the price offered by us for the house, but have allowed the claimant Rs. 300 a cottah for the land; in all Rs. 1,62,609. I have advised an application to be made for review of judgment upon the grounds stated to the Board in my letter No. 745, dated 30th June 1873.

14. I think it right to observe with reference to these land compensation cases, that they are for the most part conducted by the local officers without any reference to this office.

15. I now proceed to review the cases decided by the local tribunals. In the various Courts of Bengal 929 original suits and 183 appeals were under trial, and of this number 736 original suits and 121 appeals were decided and with the following results—

Government Cases.

	Original suits.	Appeals.
Decided in favor of Government...	128	56
Ditto against ditto	38	15
Compromised	31	...
Remanded	...	4
Transferred	1	...
Percentage in favor of Government	77	79

Court of Wards' Cases.

Decided in favor of Court of Wards	371	21
Ditto against ditto	67	22
Compromised	100	...
Remanded	...	3
Percentage in favor of Court of Wards	85	49

16. Contrasting these figures with the statements of the two previous years, the result is as follows—

Government Original Suits.

	1870-71.	1871-72.	1872-73.
Decided in favor of Government	116	152	128
Ditto against ditto	39	26	38
Compromised	24	20	31
Transferred	...	...	1
Percentage in favor of Government	75	85	77

Government Appeals.

Decided in favor of Government	48	45	56
Ditto against ditto	12	8	15
Remanded	3	2	4
Percentage in favor of Government	80	85	79

Court of Wards' Original Suits.

Decided in favor of Court of Wards	283	192	371
Ditto against ditto	74	71	67
Compromised	6	23	100
Percentage in favor of Court of Wards	79	73	85

Court of Wards' Appeals.

Decided in favor of Court of Wards	76	34	21
Ditto against ditto	29	17	22
Remanded	11	5	3
Percentage in favor of Court of Wards	72	67	49

17. These results so far as Government cases are concerned are I think satisfactory. In original suits 77 per cent., and in appeals 79 per cent., were decided in our favor. The most unsatisfactory part of the returns are the appeals before the Civil Courts in Court of Wards' cases. Here we lost as many cases as we gained. We gained 21 and lost 22. Of these 22 cases, 15 were not reported to this office at all, the cases having been conducted by the local officers without any reference to this office. The remaining seven cases I have examined, and I think the appeals in all the cases were properly preferred. These were all doubtful cases in which the Legal Remembrancer thought it advisable to have the opinion of a second Court.

18. *Bhaugulpore.*—The returns of this district show that three appeals were decided in our favor and three against us. Two however of the adverse cases were analogous cases, and turned upon a pure question of fact. The third case was specially appealed by us, and has now been amicably compromised.

19. *Burdwan.*—In this district we gained four appeals and lost five, but three out of the five were connected with the action of the Deputy Magistrate of Cutwa, which are now in appeal before the High Court. I expressed my opinion upon these cases in last year's report.*

* Paragraph 19.

20. The fourth case decided against us was one of a class of cases which we very seldom gain. A certain person had brought an action in the Civil Court as a pauper and his suit having been dismissed he was ordered to pay the stamp fees due to Government. In realization of these fees certain property was attached as belonging to the pauper, but which the plaintiff claimed as his own. The court accepted the plaintiff's evidence, and directed the release of the property and cast us also in costs.

21. I mention this case prominently because there is always great difficulty in realizing these stamp fees in pauper suits. Whatever property is attached is almost sure to be claimed by some one or other; and it is by no means an easy matter for the Collector to show that the attached property belongs to the pauper. When the Civil Procedure Code is next under revision, I think that the following amendment might be very advantageously introduced—

First.—Where a person had been permitted to sue as a pauper, and the suit was found by the Court to be vexatious and groundless, I would allow the Court, if the stamp fees were not paid, to sentence the pauper to imprisonment: and *secondly*, where the pauper gained a decree, there should be a lien upon the decree for the stamp fees.

22. *Shahabad.*—In this district four original suits were decided in our favor, and 5 against us. These five were analogous cases and have been appealed to the High Court. They are cases of great importance, the land in dispute being a newly formed deara, and being claimed by the Rajah of Dumraon under a special contract by which he asserted that he was entitled to all accretions to his estate without payment of additional revenue; while the defendants claimed the accretions as reformations on the ancient site of their estate, for which they paid revenue to Government.

23. *Twenty-four Pergunnahs.*—The litigation in this district has been very heavy during the year. Suits to the amount of four lakhs of rupees were instituted against the Canning Municipality, and in realization of the decrees

obtained, the property of the Municipality has been attached, and a receiver appointed to collect the rents. The Collector has not stated what amount has been realized, but I have asked him to submit a statement showing the position in which the Government at present stands with respect to the Municipality.

24. Another very important case was a suit brought by Dicey and others to enforce an award which had been made by certain arbitrators under Act VI of 1857. The Government issued a notification stating that certain land on the banks of a river leading to Port Canning was required for the purpose of a battery, and the case was made over to the Deputy Collector of Barripore to take up the land under Act VI of 1857. But as the owners of the land refused to accept the sum offered by Government, the matter was referred to arbitration. The award was a most extravagant one; the land was covered with dense jungle and was almost worthless, yet the arbitrators without assigning any reasons valued the land at Rs. 54 a bigha. Their proceedings were, however, most perfunctory; and when the award came to be examined, it was found that it was so indefinite that it could not be executed. Upon these grounds the Judge quashed the proceedings of the arbitrators and set aside the award.

25. In connection with Act VI of 1857, I may mention another case which occurred in this district. In 1861 certain land was taken up for extending the Dockyard at Kidderpore, and for constructing a new road to the east of the Dockyard. Part of the land so acquired consisted of a tank, part of which was incorporated with the road, and the remainder was filled up by the Public Works Department Overseers. Some years after the road was made, Otul Beharee, the owner of the tank, sued for that portion of the tank consisting of six cottahs which had not been taken up for the road, but which the Public Works Department had filled up. Unfortunately there was no map forthcoming to show exactly what land we had taken up; and the Court gave the plaintiff a decree for one-sixth of the land claimed by him. Our proof was weak and I did not advise an appeal, but the case is only another illustration of what I have urged in previous reports, of the absolute necessity of having land accurately measured, mapped and defined, before it is taken up by the Collector for public purposes.

26. The following is the financial result of the year's litigation. The amount awarded to Government from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873, was Rs. 1,08,691 as principal, Rs. 11,255 as costs, and Rs. 1,059 as interest. Add to this the outstanding balance of last year, Rs. 24,579, and the total sum under realization during the year was Rs. 1,45,586. Of this amount Rs. 16,105 were realized, and this is exclusive of the sum realized by the attachment of the property of the Canning Municipality.

27. Excluding the Wards' cases, the total value of suits in which Government was concerned during the year amounted to Rs. 17,94,852.

28. The value of the suits in which Government was defendant amounted to Rs. 14,36,578. Of this amount suits aggregating Rs. 5,11,089 were dismissed, and the aggregate value of the cases in which decrees were obtained against Government amounted to Rs. 2,07,935, but the greater part of this sum, amounting to Rs. 1,55,381, represented the five Shahabad cases, of which I have spoken in paragraph 22 of this report.

29. The value of the suits in which Government was plaintiff amounted to Rs. 3,58,273. Only one suit of the value of Rs. 400 was dismissed in which Government was plaintiff, and this case is now under appeal.

30. The actual disbursements of Government during the year amounted to Rs. 58,102.

31. In conclusion I may mention that there were three changes in the office of Legal Remembrancer during the year. On the 1st August I took six months' leave, and Mr. Beaufort acted for me from 1st August to 3rd November. He was then succeeded by Mr. Bainbridge who had charge of the office from 4th November to 11th February, on which date I returned from leave and resumed charge of the office.

32. The Collectors generally have I think carefully superintended the conduct of their civil suits during the year, and the Government pleaders are

also I think generally efficient. I would particularly mention the name of Baboo Anudda Prosad Banerjee, the senior Government Pleader in the High Court, and the following district pleaders—

Baboo Ashootosh Mookerjee of 24-Pergunnahs.
,, Eshan Chunder Mitter of Hooghly.
,, Soshibhoosun Mookerjee of Bhaugulpore.
,, Kadernath Banerjee of Tirhoot.
,, Hurihur Mookerjee of Bancoorah.
,, Hungsheshur Mookerjee of Maunbhoom.
,, Opendronath Mitter of Dacca.

33. I must apologize for the delay in the submission of this report which has been prepared under the pressure of ill-health.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.								Pending.			
		Favorable.			Unfavorable.			Compromised or remanded.					
Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment—													
	No.	No.	Rs.	A. P.	No.	Rs.	A. P.	No.	Rs.	A. P.	No.	Rs.	A. P.
High Court	2	2	22,985	5 8	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....	
Zillah appeals	1	1	770	5 0	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....	
Original suits	3	1	9	0 0	...	.....		...	.....		2	15,548	0 9
Total ...	6	4	23,764	10 8	...	.....		...	.....		2	15,548	0 9
Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings—													
High Court	1	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....		1	1,500	0 0
Zillah appeals	3	2	194	13 0	...	.....		1	84	7 3	...	.....	
Original suits	7	3	13,193	11 9	2	168	3 6	...	.....		2	19,605	7 6
Total ...	11	5	13,388	8 9	2	168	3 6	1	84	7 3	3	21,105	7 6
Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement—													
High Court	1	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....		1	113	13 0
Zillah appeals	4	3	45	0 0	1	216	10 4	...	.....		...	.....	
Original suits	8	6	13,885	0 0	...	.....		...	.....		2	10,514	4 0
Total ...	13	9	13,930	0 0	1	216	10 4	...	.....		3	10,628	1 0
Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government—													
High Court	1	1	.....		...	.....		...	.....		...	.....	
Zillah appeals	3	2	239	4 6	1	37	0 0	...	.....		...	.....	
Original suits	14	6	60,284	4 9	1	765	0 0	4	412	9 9	3	4,751	8 0
Total ...	18	9	60,523	9 3	2	802	0 0	4	412	9 9	3	4,751	8 0
Suits for re-instatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities— None.													
Suits for the recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c., &c—													
Zillah appeals	2	1	199	2 9	...	.....		...	.....		1	97	12 0
Original suits	15	5	818	8 2	3	1,387	2 3	4	506	2 7	3	29,069	0 6
Total ...	17	6	1,017	10 11	3	1,387	2 3	4	506	2 7	4	29,166	12 6
Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rents, or for exoneration from unjust demand—													
High Court	1	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....		1	1,797	0 0
Original suits	8	4	1,093	4 9	...	.....		3	400	10 10	1	190	0 0
Total ...	9	4	1,093	4 9	...	.....		3	400	10 10	2	1,987	0 0
Suits for wasilut or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of accounts or value of property or purchase money—													
High Court	1	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....		1	535	0 0
Zillah appeals	3	1	1	14 10	2	595	0 0	...	.....		...	.....	
Original suits	38	13	2,42,241	12 5	1	13	5 0	6	4,647	7 9	18	17,663	2 2
Total ...	42	14	2,42,243	11 3	3	608	5 0	6	4,647	7 9	19	18,198	2 2
Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or common or bond debts—													
High Court	36	11	40,760	12 0	1	36,375	7 0	1	95	0 0	23	2,04,625	10 3
Zillah appeals	72	36	26,150	13 3	8	762	1 2	3	156	1 6	25	17,659	10 4
Original suits	125	55	56,422	4 9	25	1,66,542	7 10	10	3,727	13 9	35	2,71,746	8 11
Total ...	233	102	1,23,333	14 0	34	2,03,680	0 0	14	3,978	15 3	83	4,94,031	13 6
Suits in which Government has been made a defendant *pro forma*—													
Zillah appeals	2	1	112	8 0	1	400	0 0	...	.....		...	.....	
Original suits	10	8	2,227	0 1	...	.....		...	.....		2	21,138	4 0
Total ...	12	9	2,339	8 1	1	400	0 0	...	.....		2	21,138	4 0

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress for official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.						Pending.			
		Favorable.			Unfavorable.			Compromised or remanded.			
	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.		No.	Rs. A. P.		No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the pleas of informality, non-liability, &c—											
High Court	1	1	10,156 0 0		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Zillah appeals ...	1	1	245 14 0		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Original suits	1	1	190 0 0		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Total ...	3	3	10,591 14 0		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Suits for reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the pleas of informality, non-liability, &c—											
Original suits	1	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....	1	277 3 0
Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable or on other pleas—											
Original suits	2	1	580 0 0		...	.....		1	108 14 7	...	.....
Suits to stay revenue sale or sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security—											
Zillah appeals ...	1	1	.....		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Original suits ...	1	1	.....		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Total ...	2	2	.....		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others—											
Zillah appeals	3	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....	3	1,699 14 3
Original suits	11	2	1,388 8 0		3	339 0 0		1	53 6 0	5	656 13 0
Total ...	14	2	1,388 8 0		3	339 0 0		1	53 6 0	8	2,356 11 3
Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over which the Civil Court has no Jurisdiction—											
Original suits ...	1	...	.....		...	.....		...	.....	1	26 8 0
Suits to contest orders reversing sales, or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarahs, or the imposition of fines—											
High Court ...	1	1	654 11 0		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Zillah appeals ...	5	5	1,783 0 8		...	.....		...	.....	...	.....
Original suits ...	8	7	3,079 0 2		1	180 0 0		...	.....	...	.....
Total ...	14	13	5,516 11 10		1	180 0 0		...	.....	...	.....
Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers—											
High Court ...	4	2	8,191 7 0		...	.....		...	.....	2	1,125 0 0
Zillah appeals ...	4	1	129 13 0		2	132 12 0		...	.....	1	21 12 0
Original suits ...	9	5	3,056 3 3		1	21 12 0		2	237 2 0	1	86,751 4 8
Total ...	17	8	11,377 7 3		3	154 8 0		2	237 2 0	4	87,898 0 8

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favorable.	Unfavorable.	Compromised or remanded.	

Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy an enhanced assessment—

	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
High Court	1	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1	2,325 0 0
Original suits	2	2	3,850 0 6	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Total ...	3	2	3,850 0 6	...	.....	...	.....	1	2,325 0 0

Suits for recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties—

None.

Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it—

None.

Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract—

Original suits	1	1	35 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....

Suits for possession of land or for the recovery of debts—

High Court	4	1	93 4 0	...	.....	2	15,530 8 0	1	6,000 0 0
Zillah appeals	4	1	4,384 8 2	...	.....	...	.....	3	1,049 6 0
Original suits	12	7	1,06,628 14 2	1	400 0 0	...	.....	4	2,17,977 2 9
Total ...	20	9	1,11,106 10 4	1	400 0 0	2	15,530 8 0	8	2,25,026 8 9

Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws—

None.

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending during the year 1872-73.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEALS									
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1872.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.	Total.	Decided within the year				Pending on the 31st March 1873.	Number pending on the 31st March 1872.	Number instituted from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.	Total.	Decided within the year.			Compromised.	Remanded.	Pending on the 31st March 1873.	Number of cases in which Government was cast twice.
				In favor of Government.	Against Government.	Total.	Compromised.					In favor of Government.	Against Government.	Total.				
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	35	54	19	1	20	2	1	31	...
Burdwan	2	10	12	5	3	8	1	3	7	2	9	4	5	9	...	...	...	1
Bancoorah	2	11	13	7	1	8	...	5	2	3	5	3	...	3	...	...	2	...
Beerbhoom	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	7	13	20	9	2	11	4	5	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	1	...
Hooghly	2	8	10	4	...	4	3	3	2	1	3	2	1	3	...	...	...	1
24-Pergunnahs	4	7	11	4	1	5	...	6	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	1	...
Nuddea	4	5	9	4	3	7	1	1	3	4	7	2	1	3	...	...	4	...
Jessore	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad	6	5	11	5	...	5	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	1	...	3	3	2	...	2	...	...	1	...
Maldah	...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	2	5	7	3	2	5	...	2	4	3	7	5	...	5	...	...	2	...
Rungpore	1	1	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Bograh	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubnah	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigooree	...	8	8	8	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Goalparah	1	4	5	2	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	6	5	11	5	3	8	1	2	2	5	7	6	...	6	...	...	1	...
Furreedpore	1	4	5	2	...	2	...	3	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Backergunge	6	3	9	2	...	2	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	3	3	6	4	1	5	...	1	2	2	4	1	...	1	...	...	3	...
Sylhet	6	6	12	5	3	8	1	3	1	4	5	2	1	3	...	...	2	...
Chittagong	4	16	20	9	3	12	3	5	1	4	5	4	...	4	...	1	...	...
Noakhally	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Patna	1	2	3	1	1	2	...	1	1	3	4	1	...	1	...	...	3	...
Gya	3	6	9	8	...	8	1	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	8	14	22	4	5	9	...	13	1	3	4	3	1	4	...	...	...	1
Tirhoot	8	7	15	8	4	12	...	3	...	7	7	7	...	7	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	1	3	4	3	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	...	3	3	2	...	2	...	1	3	7	10	3	3	6	...	...	4	2
Purneah	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Cuttack	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	1	...
Pooree	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	7	5	12	4	1	5	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazareebaugh	...	*1	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...
Maunbhoom	5	8	13	7	3	10	...	3	4	8	12	1	2	3	...	2	7	2
Nowgong	...	6	6	3	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	94	183	277	128	38	166	31	80	58	104	162	75	16	91	2	5	64	7

* Transferred to the Original Jurisdiction of the High Court.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.

Division.	Zillah.	Nature of Receipts.							Nature of Disbursements.						
		Sums awarded in favor of Government in regular suits.	Costs awarded in favor of Government, whether in actions for or against Government.	Costs in Privy Council appeals realized.	Costs in pauper suits realized, exclusive of stamp fees.	Costs in all other cases realized.	All sums otherwise realized in Judicial proceedings.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	Amount expended in prosecution of suits.	Amount expended in defence of suits.	Amount expended in Privy Council appeals.	Amount advanced in pauper suits exclusive of stamp fees.	Miscellaneous disbursement on account of judicial proceedings other than those adverted to.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	.....	45 12 3	.....	1,812 14 3	.....	8 12 0	1,867 6 6	1,476 5 6	204 1 4	2 9 0	.....	233 1 3	7 3 0	1,923 4 1
	Bancoorah	351 15 6	3,954 0 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,306 0 0	19 0 6	135 5 9	245 10 6	.....	.....	47 2 3	447 3 0
	Beerbhoom	58 2 6	27 14 6	.....	12 12 6	8 15 0	16 4 6	124 1 0	.....	.....	13 1 6	.....	103 3 0	11 11 6	128 0 0
	Midnapore	.....	41 13 0	.....	.....	.....	96 13 6	138 10 6	72 0 0	89 14 3	.....	.....	67 9 0	0 8 0	229 15 3
	Hooghly	.....	301 1 4	.....	89 8 9	.....	.....	390 10 1	301 13 9	.....	614 6 0	.....	93 8 6	.....	1,009 12 3
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	.....	20 9 2	.....	227 1 6	14 0 0	2 3 4	263 14 0	1,044 1 0	3,904 1 9	875 4 11	.....	307 8 3	147 15 0	6,278 14 11
	Soonderbuns	.....	118 1 8	.....	.....	.....	50 2 0	168 3 8	2,091 6 0	40 5 0	1,146 7 5	.....	.....	44 3 3	3,322 5 8
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	20 1 6	.....	.....	20 1 6	287 0 3	2 0 0	99 11 3	.....	22 13 0	.....	411 8 6
	Jessore	.....	125 1 0	.....	24 0 0	.....	.....	147 1 0	.....	2 1 0	1 0 0	.....	48 1 8	3 8 0	54 10 8
Rajshahye	Moorshedabad	.....	1 7 9	.....	30 8 0	.....	.....	31 15 9	1,902 1 7	.....	401 5 0	.....	132 13 10	89 9 0	2,525 13 5
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	17 10 6	.....	.....	17 10 6	.....	474 1 0	.....	.....	.....	15 2 0	489 3 0
	Maldah	.....	96 4 6	.....	5 4 6	.....	7 3 6	108 12 6	.....	.....	241 3 0	.....	4 3 0	3 0 0	248 6 0
	Rajshahye	.....	218 8 1½	.....	54 2 0	.....	...	272 10 1½	1,054 1 1	218 8 1½	623 8 7	.....	0 12 0	.....	1,896 13 9½
	Rungpore	.....	101 8 0	.....	6 10 0	.....	1 5 0	109 7 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 5 0	100 0 0	105 5 0
	Bograh	.....	1 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 8 0	2,000 0 0	126 6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,126 6 3
	Pubna	231 11 10	655 7 0	.....	74 10 6	.....	.....	961 13 4	.....	436 4 0	339 5 6	.....	45 0 6	234 0 0	1,054 10 0
Cooch Behar	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 2 6	.....	.....	.....	30 2 6
	Julpigoree	675 5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	675 5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 9 0	3 9 0
	Goalparah	.....	311 9 9	.....	.....	214 6 3	.....	526 0 0	.....	.....	22 6 0	.....	.....	.....	22 6 0
Dacca	Dacca	.....	1,218 12 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,218 12 3	650 1 6	70 2 0	2,989 6 5	.....	.....	.....	3,709 9 11
	Furreedpore	.....	16 10 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 10 9	.....	533 4 6	.....	.....	.....	9 4 9	542 9 3
	Backergunge	.....	88 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 0 0	.....	.....	136 1 1	.....	52 11 9	43 2 0	231 14 10
	Mymensingh	.....	529 9 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	529 9 5	10,790 0 2	344 4 6	66 12 0	.....	11 8 0	33 15 6	11,246 8 2
	Sylhet	.....	97 12 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	97 12 5	7 0 0	.....	313 5 9	.....	.....	387 0 1	707 5 10
Chittagong	Chittagong	.....	192 9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	192 9 0	122 9 9	413 6 9	2 13 0	.....	.....	64 3 3	603 0 9
	Noakhally	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,107 1 0	130 4 0	.....	5 8 0	6 10 9	1,249 7 9
	Tipperah	.....	73 5 3	.....	75 11 3	.....	.....	149 0 6	4 8 0	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 8 0
Patna	Patna	.....	111 15 6	.....	179 10 0	.....	.....	291 9 6	1,815 5 2	.....	92 7 0	.....	17 12 0	125 1 6	2,050 9 8
	Gya	10 12 0	2 10 0	.....	53 8 0	.....	.....	66 14 0	.....	10 11 0	1,129 9 3	.....	71 2 0	7 14 3	1,219 4 6
	Shahabad	46 4 9	2 0 0	.....	30 0 0	.....	.....	78 4 9	59 10 5	.....	5,570 2 10	.....	5 10 0	.....	5,635 7 3
	Tirhoot	56 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 0 0	452 4 0	52 8 0	4,795 12 7	.....	29 5 3	47 7 0	5,377 4 10
	Sarun	.....	105 12 0	.....	116 6 0	.....	.....	222 2 0	926 4 10	.....	3 0 0	.....	38 4 0	85 2 0	1,052 10 10
Bhaugulpore	Monghyr	.....	373 1 2	.....	1 2 9	.....	4 8 3	378 12 2	.....	.....	2 8 3	.....	8 11 9	233 3 3	244 7 3
	Bhaugulpore	.....	320 7 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	320 7 0	.....	.....	1 8 0	.....	.....	150 3 9	151 11 9
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	107 8 11	.....	.....	107 8 11	59 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 12 0
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10 0	.....	.....	.....	2 10 0
	Pooree	4 7 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 7 7	.....	.....	21 5 7	.....	.....	.....	21 5 7
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 11 0	.....	.....	.....	6 11 0
Chota Nagpore	Hazareebaugh	111 4 0	86 11 8	.....	83 6 0	.....	.....	281 5 8	.....	2 0 0	.....	.....	15 15 4	.....	17 15 4
	Maunbhoom	.....	5,112 4 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,112 4 10	.....	116 6 6	1,208 14 9	.....	.....	.....	1,325 5 3
Assam	Nowgong	.....	3 5 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 5 9	281 1 6	50 5 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	331 7 2
	Total	1,545 15 2	14,353 9 6½	.....	3,022 8 11	237 5 3	187 4 1	19,346 10 11½	25,416 7 0	8,335 2 4½	21,129 4 8	.....	1,320 7 1	1,900 11 1	58,102 0 2½

[Statement (F) of expenses and realizations in the Salt and Opium Departments.—*Blank.*]

G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favor of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what outstanding on the 1st April 1873.

Division.	Zillah.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1872.			Awarded in favor of Government from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.			Total.	Realized during the year 1872-73.	Balance.	Deduct remitted by order of the Commissioner or other authorities.	Net balance outstanding on the 1st April 1873.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	110 7 3	.....	2 12 0	41 4 8	4 7 7	8 12 0	167 11 6	54 8 3	113 3 3	113 3 3	.....
	Bancoorah	*a* 9,166 8 11	1 4 11	66 13 0	871 6 8	487 10 9	52 1 6	10,645 13 9	4,306 0 0	6,339 13 9	1,218 3 7	5,121 10 2
	Beerbhoom	398 11 9	7 12 0	4 5 0	27 14 6	7 13 6	6 2 0	452 10 9	111 4 6	341 6 3	20 6 0	321 0 3
	Midnapore	2,268 6 4	194 11 2	780 10 9	.....	308 15 10	2,553 8 3	6,106 4 4	138 10 6	5,967 9 10	4,006 9 9	1,961 0 1
	Hooghly	.....	.....	526 2 10	.....	.....	605 10 6	1,131 13 4	301 1 4	830 12 0	85 6 0	745 6 0
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	471 1 5	1 13 0	12 0 0	1,02,100 9 5	2 3 4	14 0 0	1,02,601 11 2	36 12 6	1,02,564 14 8	.....	1,02,564 14 8
	Soonderbuns	*d* 611 15 9	.....	1 8 0	109 12 4	12 6 0	36 4 0	771 14 1	168 3 8	603 10 5	.....	603 10 5
	Nuddea	332 9 0	.....	66 4 7	.....	.....	111 10 10	510 8 5	.....	510 8 5	.....	510 8 5
	Jessore	666 7 3	156 9 1	622 15 3	.....	.....	68 3 0	1,514 2 7	123 1 0	1,391 1 7	.....	1,391 1 7
Rajshahye	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	828 7 9	828 7 9	1 7 9	827 0 0	.....	827 0 0
	Dinagepore	55 0 0	15 2 11	1 8 0	.....	.....	.....	71 10 11	.....	71 10 11	.....	71 10 11
	Maldah	714 10 4	.....	.....	96 4 6	7 3 6	.....	818 2 4	103 8 0	714 10 4	.....	714 10 4
	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	218 8 1½	218 8 1½	.....	218 8 1½	.....	218 8 1½
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	101 8 0	1 5 0	.....	102 13 0	102 13 0	.....	.....	.....
	Bograh	.....	.....	558 15 5½	.....	.....	1 8 0	560 7 5½	1 8 0	558 15 5½	558 15 5½	.....
	Pubna	627 11 10	41 4 8	1,156 3 2	.....	25 14 9	660 9 9	2,511 12 2	887 2 10	1,624 9 4	.....	1,624 9 4
Cooch Behar	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 2 6	30 2 6	.....	30 2 6	.....	30 2 6
	Julpigoree	*b* 208 8 0	.....	.....	530 0 0	21 13 0	.....	760 5 0	675 5 0	85 0 0	.....	85 0 0
	Goalparah	.....	.....	92 9 0	.....	39 3 0	394 4 0	526 0 0	526 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	1,803 7 6	58 10 0	4 10 0	718 8 9	.....	54 1 9	2,639 6 0	1,218 12 3	1,420 9 9	.....	1,420 9 9
	Furreedpore	185 10 9	.....	.....	16 10 9	.....	.....	202 5 6	16 10 9	185 10 9	.....	185 10 9
	Backergunge	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 0 0	88 0 0	88 0 0	.....	.....	.....
	Mymensing	*c* 474 9 5	.....	8 0 0	5 0 0	42 0 0	.....	529 9 5	529 9 5	.....	.....	.....
	Sylhet	146 14 11	.....	.....	762 3 3	4 11 7	12 1 0	925 14 9	97 12 5	828 2 4	.....	828 2 4
Chittagong	Chittagong	.....	.....	6 12 9	205 8 0	.....	.....	212 4 9	192 9 0	19 11 9	.....	19 11 9
	Tipperah	.....	.....	.....	62 8 9	4 8 6	6 4 0	73 5 3	73 5 3	.....	.....	.....
Patna	Patna	.....	.....	6 15 6	101 6 0	2 1 0	1 9 0	111 15 6	111 15 6	.....	.....	.....
	Gya	.....	.....	.....	1,141 5 9	8 9 8	25 12 0	1,175 11 5	13 6 0	1,162 5 5	.....	1,162 5 5
	Shahabad	131 5 6	.....	10 6 0	1,100 9 11	.....	1 8 0	1,243 13 5	48 4 9	1,195 8 8	107 14 6	1,087 10 2
	Tirhoot	11 12 0	.....	4 9 0	404 4 4	3 2 0	60 7 0	484 2 4	56 0 0	428 2 4	.....	428 2 4
	Sarun	89 10 0	.....	7 8 0	.....	4 10 0	4 0 0	105 12 0	105 12 0	.....	.....	.....
Bhaugulpore	Monghyr	.....	30 13 0	373 4 6	.....	4 8 3	74 1 2	482 10 11	377 9 5	105 1 6	.....	105 1 6
	Bhaugulpore	1,152 8 0	17 13 0	0 8 0	273 4 3	54 11 3	22 0 0	1,520 12 6	320 7 0	1,200 5 6	.....	1,200 5 6
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 10 0	2 10 0	.....	2 10 0	.....	2 10 0
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	21 5 7	.....	.....	21 5 7	4 7 7	16 14 0	.....	16 14 0
Chota Nagpore	Hazareebaugh	111 4 0	.....	.....	.....	11 13 2	74 14 6	197 15 8	197 15 8	.....	.....	.....
	Maunbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,234 12 10	5,234 12 10	5,112 4 10	122 8 0	.....	122 8 0
Assam	Nowgong	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 5 9	3 5 9	3 5 9	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	19,739 3 11	525 13 9	4,315 4 9½	1,08,691 7 5	1,059 11 8	11,255 3 2½	1,45,586 12 9	16,105 9 11	1,29,481 2 10	6,110 10 6½	1,23,370 8 3½

(*a.*) The difference of 8 annas is owing to a mistake in the last year's return.
(*b.*) This sum was not shown by mistake in the last year's return.
(*c.*) The discrepancy of Rs. 53-3-2 is owing to a mistake in the Mymensingh statement of last year.
(*d.*) The discrepancy of Rs. 4 is owing to a mistake in the last year's return.

[Statement (H) showing amount decreed and outsanding in the Salt and Opium Departments.—*Blank.*]

I.

Statement showing the number of cases appertaining to the Court of Wards decided and pending in the year 1872-73.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ORIGINAL SUITS DECIDED.								APPEALS DECIDED.							
	Number pending on the 31st March 1872.	Number instituted from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.	Total.	In favor of the Court of Wards.	Against the Court of Wards.	Total decided.	Compromised.	Pending.	Number pending on 31st March 1872.	Number instituted from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.	Total.	In favor of the Court of Wards.	Against the Court of Wards.	Total.	Remanded.	Pending.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	32	55	18	7	25	2	28
Beerbhoom	1	11	12	1	4	5	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24-Pergunnahs	6	2	8	3	2	5	...	3	4	4	8	2	4	6	...	2
Nuddea	3	7	10	5	2	7	...	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	3
Jessore	...	8	8	4	3	7	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Moorshedabad	6	33	39	32	3	35	1	3	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...
Dinagepore	2	1	3	1	...	1	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...
Maldah	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye...	3	8	11	4	4	8	2	1	2	6	8	...	2	2	...	6
Rungpore	12	36	48	23	11	34	1	13	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Pubna	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Goalparah	1	5	6	4	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Furreedpore	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	2	80	82	67	3	70	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	3	9	12	7	4	11	1	...	...	4	4	3	1	4	...	...
Noakhally	5	5	10	4	2	6	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	2	109	111	91	...	91	...	20	7	2	9	2	3	5	1	3
Patna	1	1	2	2	...	2	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...
Shahabad	2	19	21	2	5	7	...	14	...	5	5	1	1	2	...	3
Tirhoot	21	176	197	94	6	100	82	15	2	10	12	3	3	6	2	4
Sarun	10	27	37	6	8	14	3	20	4	3	7	3	...	3	...	4
Monghyr	...	8	8	4	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhaugulpore	3	...	3	2	...	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Cuttack	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazareebaugh	...	7	7	5	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	...	6	6	2	4	6	...	...	...	12	12	5	7	12	...	...
Maunbhoom	...	5	5	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	86	566	652	371	67	438	100	114	47	83	130	39	29	68	5	57

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Statement showing the amounts Realized and Disbursed on account of law charges appertaining to the Court of Wards, from 1st April 1872 to 31st March 1873.

Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				Outstanding on account of decrees in favor of the Court of Wards.
	Sums awarded in favor of the Court of Wards in regular suits.	Costs awarded in favor of the Court of Wards whether in action for or against the Wards.	All sums otherwise realized in judicial proceedings.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against the Court of Wards in regular appeal.	Amount expended in prosecution of suits in Court.	Amount expended in defence of suits in Court.	Miscellaneous disbursement on account of judicial proceedings.	Total.	
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
24-Pergunnahs	2,048 11 0	918 3 0	783 8 0	3,750 6 0	440 9 0	85 0 0	241 6 3	434 12 0	1,201 11 3	3,829 1 1
Nuddea	7,617 4 2½	1,820 6 5½	1,878 8 4	11,316 3 0	2,223 5 6	984 6 6	153 1 0	67 8 9	3,428 5 9	21,959 8 0
Jessore	8,828 13 3	1,325 14 6	816 14 5	10,971 10 2	491 9 0	1,804 8 8	440 0 9	164 5 8	2,900 8 1	45,873 12 5
Moorshedabad	74,111 2 11	4,216 2 5	3,861 15 9	82,189 5 1	14,317 3 6	4,241 4 4	....	362 2 0	18,920 9 10	9,417 15 5
Dinagepore	344 2 0	102 2 6	....	446 4 6	227 4 8	534 9 10	....	....	761 14 6	4,885 10 0
Maldah	....	....	....	....	....	95 1 3	....	70 4 9	165 6 0	469 5 1
Rajshahye	2,654 6 10	286 6 9	141 4 5	3,082 2 0	4,513 3 10	870 15 0	263 5 9	55,066 14 10	60,714 7 5	719 7 10
Rungpore	....	....	....	....	1,216 3 0	....	56 0 0	....	1,272 3 0	607 7 7
Bograh	....	....	....	....	....	11 6 3	....	....	11 6 3	....
Goalparah	1,909 15 8½	315 12 9	235 1 1½	2,460 13 7	52 8 0	1,898 12 1	....	25 12 0	1,977 0 1	6,142 0 7
Backergunge	6 6 4	112 0 8	....	118 7 0	236 14 0	50 1 9	....	41 8 11	328 8 8	962 3 6
Mymensingh	1,940 1 5	622 2 7	544 15 7	3,107 3 7	1,301 9 3	2,060 11 1	30 8 0	4,799 13 0	8,192 9 4	11,845 3 5
Chittagong	....	495 0 9	....	495 0 9	62 14 5	342 13 7	....	64 7 0	470 3 0	58 11 3
Noakhally	143 2 10	102 9 11	42 5 3	288 2 0	....	265 10 10	540 3 4	417 14 3	1,223 12 5	13,805 9 0
Tipperah	2,975 2 4	233 13 2	....	3,208 15 6	95 7 9	1,845 4 3	35 13 9	51 1 5	2,027 11 2	11,578 13 4
Patna	80 0 0	11 14 3	....	91 14 3	236 14 3	7 14 8	....	9 6 1	254 3 0	....
Shahabad	500 0 0	300 0 0	....	800 0 0	....	100 0 0	....	....	100 0 0	3,344 2 6
Tirhoot	12,346 13 6	3,276 4 2	2,666 8 0	18,289 9 8	1,196 2 1	6,678 13 10	827 3 4	877 15 4	9,580 2 7	2,11,288 2 0
Sarun	....	3,488 1 1	....	3,488 1 1	14,092 8 3	3,580 7 4	2,651 9 2	256 6 7	21,480 15 4	5,167 12 1
Monghyr	....	....	....	....	17,258 4 6	121 4 0	1 8 0	1,078 14 6	18,459 15 0	1,246 14 5
Bhaugulpore	....	....	....	....	91 6 7	....	....	520 4 9	611 11 4	4,877 15 0
Purneah	16,571 3 2	1,133 8 9	1,322 6 2	19,027 2 1	87 9 0	2,612 13 6	156 15 6	1,782 15 7	4,640 5 7	25,420 15 7
Cuttack	103 14 3	64 0 0	....	167 14 3	52,480 3 9	17 9 6	....	....	52,497 13 3	41 12 0
Hazarcebaugh	3,099 0 7	929 8 6	....	4,028 9 1	....	1,284 15 9	606 9 1	585 7 4	2,477 0 2	1,213 12 11
Lohardugga...	1,132 1 10½	53 0 0	1,331 5 4½	2,516 7 3	18,775 10 1	1,071 0 0	686 4 3	1,362 12 7	21,895 10 11	31,825 9 2
Total ...	1,36,412 6 2½	19,807 0 2½	13,624 12 5	1,69,844 2 10	1,30,297 6 5	30,565 8 0	6,690 8 2	68,040 11 4	2,35,594 1 11	4,16,581 12 2

No. 75A.

FROM J. GEOGHEGAN, ESQ.,

Offg. Secretary to the Board of Revenue, L. P.,

TO THE LEGAL REMEMBRANCER.

Fort William, the 23rd October 1873.

LAND REVENUE.
(Civil Suits.)

SIR,

I AM desired to acknowledge the report on the civil litigation in which Government was engaged during the year 1872-73.

HON'BLE V. H. SCHALCH.

2. The percentage of cases in favor of Wards is entered at 85, which is estimated upon the cases actually decided in Court; but some information as to the general nature of the large number* of compromises, whether they were favorable to the Court of Wards or otherwise, would enable the Board to form a more exact estimate of the general result of original cases instituted on behalf of minors and others under Government guardianship.

PARA. 15.—Original suits in Court of Wards' cases.

* 100.

3. With reference to Mr. Bell's 17th paragraph, I am to request that you will be good enough to state to what districts the 15 cases belong which were not reported to you and were afterwards lost. The Board desires to institute further enquiry into the matter.

Appeals in Court of Wards' cases.

4. You have already been instructed to file an appeal to the Privy Council against the decision of the High Court in the case relating to the police jagirdari tenure noted in Mr. Bell's 5th paragraph.

5. The Board is aware that an application for review of judgment in the case under Act X of 1870 (Land Acquisition Act), described in paragraph 13 of the report, has been made and rejected, and the question of the expediency of preferring an appeal to the Privy Council has been referred to Government. The Board is also in correspondence with Government on the subject of the further checks necessary to protect the interests of the state from hasty or ill-advised action in cases of acquisition of land for public purposes.

6. With reference to paragraph 19, the Member in charge would be glad to know whether the cases connected with the action of the Deputy Magistrate of Cutwa are not yet decided on appeal.

7. The Member in charge desires me to enquire how the figures of realization, viz., Rs. 16,105, are arrived at. They do not seem to agree with the Table E in Appendix. If that table be correct, the great mass of realizations are on account of costs, and the recovery of actual principal and interest is almost infinitesimal.

Paragraph 26.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

(Sd.) J. GEOGHEGAN,

Offg. Secretary.

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REPORT

ON

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OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR

1875-76.

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FROM H. BELL, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 3rd November 1876.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, a report on the civil litigation of Government during 1875-76.

2. In this office report of last year (paragraph 2) it was stated that five cases were pending before the Privy Council at the close of 1874-75. Of these five appeals, one was a case in which the Government was concerned, and the other four were cases in which the Court of Wards were concerned. The Government case was the case of *Rajah Enayet Hossain* vs. *the Government of Bengal.* This appeal was dismissed on the 27th November 1875, and the sum of £538-4-3 was awarded to Government as costs.

3. The cases in which the Court of Wards were concerned were as follows:—

(1)—*Rajah Leelanund Singh* vs. *the Minor Rajah of Durbhunga;* and

(2)—*The Minor Rajah of Durbhunga* vs. *Rajah Leelanund Singh.*

These cases were decided by the Privy Council on the 17th December 1875. The decree of the Privy Council is much more favourable to our ward, the minor Rajah of Durbhunga, than was the decree of the High Court, which the Privy Council have modified; but it is at present impossible to state what will be the precise result of the decree, as a local investigation is necessary for laying down the boundary line between the two properties in the manner directed by their Lordships of the Privy Council.

(3)—*Phoolbas Koer* vs. *Jogeshur Shahu and others.* There were ten cases before the Privy Council in which Phoolbas Koer was the appellant; and on Phoolbas Koer's death the Court of Wards, as guardians of her infant son, Harrinath Persad, were made parties to the appeal. The suits were brought for the recovery of property held by a joint Hindu family under the *Mitakshara* law, which had been improperly alienated by one of its members. The cases were decided by the High Court adversely to our ward, but these decisions were reversed on appeal by the Privy Council. Their Lordships' decisions are reported at page 226, vol. I of the *Indian Law Reports.*

(4)—The remaining case is that of *Bura Lall Opendro Nath Sahi* vs. *Luchmun Koer and others,* which is still pending. During the year five cases were appealed to the Privy Council, in which the Government are respondents, and another case in which the Court of Wards are appellants. There are therefore now pending before the Privy Council in all seven cases:

4. The result of Government litigation in all the courts of Bengal, as contrasted with the two previous years, is as follows:—

		1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of Government ...	...	186	209	253
Ditto against ditto ...	...	57	80	40
Compromised or remanded ...	...	35	31	46
Percentage in favour of Government	...	76	72	86

5. The percentage of cases decided in our favour will, I think, be considered as very satisfactory.

6. The following is a comparative statement of litigation in the High Court with regard to appeals in which Government was a party:—

		1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of Government ...	...	18	28	15
Ditto against ditto ...	...	6	6	2
Compromised or remanded ...	...	9	5	8
Percentage in favour of Government	...	75	82	88

7. The result is seven per cent. more favourable than that of last year. The cases decided in the High Court do not appear to call for particular notice; but, in accordance with the usual practice of this office, I give a brief abstract of the two cases which were decided adversely to Government.

Special appeal No. 635 of 1873.—*Bhurrut Thakoor and others* vs. *Government and others.*

Tirhoot.—This is a case for partition and apportionment of jumma of one out of 33 villages included in one estate. The first court decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiff on the ground that the land of the village of which the plaintiff sought partition was definite, and had been separately entered in the register of 1821. On appeal the lower appellate court reversed the Moonsif's decision, on the ground that the butwarra could not be made, as the plaintiffs were only fractional shareholders in the estate and had no common right and interest in the whole, the mouzah in question being not a separate talook, but only a component part of the estate.

In special appeal the High Court reversed the lower appellate court's order, and confirmed that of the Moonsif, on the ground that the Collector, in effecting the butwarra prayed for by the plaintiff, would not in any way affect or interfere with any other zemindari, the land in question not being intermixed in such a manner as would require the Collector to determine boundaries between one estate and another.

Miscellaneous Regular appeal No. 7 of 1875.—*Mohima Chunder Dass Sirkar* vs. *Government.*

Backergunge.—In this case an application was made on behalf of the appellant for probate of a will said to have been executed by one Shuroop Chunder Singh, deceased. This Shuroop Chunder Singh left no heirs, and his property therefore escheated to Government if he died without a will. The Collector considered that the will propounded by the petitioner was a forgery, and opposed the application for probate. The District Judge, on the 11th September 1874, rejected the application for probate, on the ground that the will was not proved; but, on appeal, the High Court reversed the lower court's decision, and ordered probate to be granted to the petitioner, finding that the will was really executed by the deceased, and that there were no grounds for the Collector opposing the grant of the probate.

8. The following gives the result of cases, in which Government was a party, decided by the lower appellate courts:—

Government Appeals.

		1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of Government ...	...	41	36	32
Ditto against ditto ...	...	9	16	11
Compromised or remanded ...	...	8	5	14
Percentage in favour of Government	...	82	69	74

9. I give an abstract of the eleven cases decided in the lower appellate courts against the Government.

Government vs. *Baney Singh and others.*

Bhagulpore.—This was a suit for possession of 18 beeghas and odd cottahs of land, comprising a mehal known as Chuck Jan Mahomed Nooruddinpore. This mehal consisted of five plots of land scattered up and down in the midst of another mehal called Sehawan. These two mehals had been diluviated by the Ganges somewhere about the year 1847; but in 1865 the Ganges turned back to its old course, and the lands of the diluviated mehals re-appeared on their former site. A settlement was made of Sehawan with the present defendants; and the proprietors of Jan Mahomed Nooruddinpore continued paying the Government revenue till 1870, when they defaulted, and the mehal was purchased by Government in 1871. After the purchase the Collector deputed an ameen to identify the land of Jan Mahomed Nooruddinpore. The ameen identified the land which was the subject of this suit; but on the Collector proceeding to take possession of the land, the defendants claimed it as their own, and brought this suit to establish their right to it. The Moonsif, believing the evidence of the ameen, gave the Government a decree; but the Subordinate Judge, on appeal, considered that the ameen's map was unreliable, and directed a fresh investigation by a civil court ameen. This officer reported that the land was incapable of identification, and the Subordinate Judge, acting on the report, dismissed the suit of Government with costs. After this a local investigation was held by the District Engineer, Mr. Roberts, who declared the collectorate ameen's map to be correct, and with his affidavit a petition of review of judgment was filed, but was rejected as being out of time. There being no ground for a special appeal, no further steps were taken in the matter.

Mookta Kassi Debeya vs. *Government.*

Burdwan.—This case was noticed at paragraph 39 of last year's report. The appeal was then pending, and the Judge affirmed the judgment of the lower court for the reasons stated in the lower court's decision.

Gonesh Chunder Roy vs. *Government and others.*

Bankoora.—This was a very petty case, and arose out of a dispute between the plaintiff and a ghatwal for one beegha of land. The plaintiff claimed it as belonging to his lakhiraj holding, the ghatwal as part of his ghatwali tenure. The Moonsif dismissed the suit, but the Judge on appeal reversed the Moonsif's decision, and awarded the land to the plaintiff. In this suit Government was not directly interested.

Government vs. *Rughoonundun Bhukut.*

Midnapore.—This was a suit to enhance the rent of a tenant in the military bazar at Midnapore. The Moonsif dismissed the suit, and on appeal the Judge, relying on the High Court's ruling in the case of *Ranee Lalonee Monee* vs. *Rajah Ajudhyaram Khan*, reported at page 61, vol. XXIII, "*Weekly Reporter*," affirmed the decision, on the ground that in the case of a non-agricultural holding, as this holding undoubtedly was, the court could not interfere to enforce between landlord and tenant any contract for payment of rent which was not mutually agreed to by the parties. This decision appeared to me a very sound one, and I advised the Collector not to appeal, but to bring a suit, after due notice, for ejectment.

Hurrinarain Singh Deo vs. *Government and others.*

Manbhoom.—This is a case of a boundary dispute between the plaintiff's village Purasia in Pachete, and the ghatwali village Neasea in pergunnah Supur. The disputed tract consists of jungle and cultivated lands, of which the plaintiff alleged he was in possession, and he sought to have his right and title to this land confirmed in consequence of the ghatwal claiming the land and forcibly cutting and taking away wood from it. The Deputy Commissioner, and on appeal the Judicial Commissioner, were of opinion that the plaintiff had made out his case, and gave him a decree according to the prayer of his plaint.

Shama Churn Majhi vs. *Government.*

The facts of this case are similar to those mentioned above. The plaintiff claimed the land in dispute as a part of his mokurruri tenure, and the defendants claimed it to be ghatwali. The Moonsif disbelieved the plaintiff's evidence that he was in possession during the twelve years, and dismissed his claim as

barred by limitation. On appeal the Judicial Commissioner considered the testimony of the plaintiff's witnesses to be entitled to credit, and held that the Limitation Act did not apply, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's suit with costs.

Gya.—The facts of these cases are: That one Brij Lall Singh, a defendant in a criminal case, absconded, and his property was attached and partly sold by the Joint-Magistrate of Jehanabad. The plaintiffs then brought the present suit to set aside the attachment and recover the value of the property sold. The Moonsif found that the property in dispute belonged to the absconding defendant, Brij Lall, and dismissed the suit; but in appeal the Subordinate Judge reversed the Moonsif's decision, and decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiffs. No appeal was preferred against these decisions, as the plaintiffs consented to take in satisfaction of their claims the amount which had been realized by the sale of their property, and the other property which had not been sold was released from attachment.

(1)—*Rajcoomar Singh* vs. *Government.*
(2)—*Jewan Singh* vs. *Government.*
(3)—*Mohabul Singh* vs. *Government.*

Nuddea.—This was a case of a disputed boundary, and it was noticed at paragraph 47 of last year's report as having been decided against Government. This case was appealed to the Judge, but the appeal was dismissed. As the appeal was decided against Government on the merits, no special appeal could be brought.

Government vs. *Bepin Behary Roy.*

10. The following is the result of original cases:—

Government Cases.

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of Government	127	145	206
Ditto against ditto	42	58	27
Compromised or withdrawn	18	21	24
Percentage in favour of Government ...	75	71	88

Midnapore.—In this district 20 cases were decided in favour of Government, and four against Government. Of the four cases decided against Government, it is only necessary to notice one, for the remaining three are both uninteresting and unimportant. The fourth case, which is one of very considerable importance, is the case of *Rajah Jogendro Narain Roy* vs. *Government*, and will be found at page 197, vol. XXIII of the "*Weekly Reporter.*" The facts of this case are briefly as follows:—

Puteshuree Dassee vs. *Government.*

The plaintiff is the zemindar of three pergunnahs within which salt was formerly manufactured by Government. The salt manufacture having ceased, the Collector called upon the zemindar to enter into a settlement for the revenue to be paid to Government for the lands formerly occupied by the Salt Department. The zemindar refused, on the ground that the lands formed part of his permanently-settled estate, and that Government had consequently no right to assess them *de novo*.

The Collector thereupon made a temporary settlement with other persons, and this suit was brought to set aside this settlement and to recover possession of these lands as part of the plaintiff's permanently-settled estate. The quantity of the lands sued for is 16,665 beeghas.

The Judge of Midnapore decided that the claim was barred by clause 11, section 9, Regulation I of 1824, which enacts "that salt lands worked by the Salt Department from the time of the assumption of the monopoly to the passing of the Regulation, or otherwise assumed and held before and since the permanent settlement (although originally belonging to an estate for which a permanent settlement has been formed), shall be considered to be held by the Salt Department free of rent under a perpetual title of occupancy, and shall be considered to be liable to assessment by the Revenue Authorities when relinquished by the Salt Department in the same manner as if they had been farmed by an individual from Government, and had become open to resettlement on the expiration of his lease." The Judge accordingly dismissed the suit.

On appeal before the High Court, the learned Judges remanded the case, Mr. Justice Ainslie remarking as follows:—"It therefore, in the view that I take of the case, becomes necessary to consider whether the whole 16,665 beeghas of land in the suit was held from before and continually since the permanent settlement up to the 8th of January 1824, the date of the passing of Regulation I of that year, so as to come within the provisions of the 11th clause of section 9; and if not the whole, then how much of these lands is affected by that clause?

"In the plaint it is stated that the quantity of the land held at different times varied; but no issue has been laid down on this point, and there has been no trial upon it. It will be necessary for the court to lay down this issue, and to determine whether any part of the land is exempt from the operation of the 11th clause of section 9. It seems to me that on this issue the onus ought to be thrown on the defendant to prove that the claim, in whole or in part, comes within the operation of that clause. Admittedly the land was at one time part of an estate of which a permanent settlement had been made with the plaintiff's ancestor as zemindar. The zemindar is *primâ facie* entitled to re-enter into this part of his estate unless barred by the terms of the enactment. Therefore it is for the defendant, who pleads a limitation of the right of the zemindar, to prove the extent to which the limitation ought to operate. The case must go back to the District Judge to try the issue indicated above, and any other issues which may arise in the course of the hearing of the case. Costs will follow the result."

On the second trial the Judge held that, in two of the three pergunnahs, the salt lands were included in the permanent settlement, and having already been once assessed, were not liable to re-assessment; but that in respect to the lands within the third pergunnah, which measure 1,208 beeghas, the Government was entitled, under the clause above quoted, to assess the lands. A most important consideration in this case was the meaning of *khellari rent*, which is entered as part of the assets upon which the permanent settlement was made. The Judge considered that this *khellari rent* represented the revenue assessed on the salt land, though the assessment was imposed not with reference to the land itself, but with reference to the number of *molunghis* who were employed upon it in the manufacture of salt.

The Collector, on the other hand, contended that the *khellari khajana* was not a rent for the use of the salt lands, but a cess levied by the zemindar from the *molunghis* to compensate him for the smaller quantity of land which the *molunghis*, as compared with ordinary ryots, could cultivate; that it was, in fact, a capitation tax on the *molunghis*, and not an assessment on the land.

The case is now pending in appeal.

Jogut Chunder Chuckerbutty vs. *Government.*

Dinagepore.—This was a suit for the recovery of Rs. 285, which the plaintiff had paid for certain ballam rice which had been sold by auction at a Government golah. The lower court dismissed the suit, but on appeal the Judge held that the plaintiff was justified in refusing to accept the rice which had been tendered to him, as it was Burmah and not ballam rice, and that he was therefore entitled to recover back the money he had paid.

Burdwan.—In this district four cases were decided in favour of Government and three against Government. Of the three cases decided against Government, two arose out of a trifling dispute about three cottahs in one case and two-and-a-half cottahs of land in another case, which were claimed by the plaintiffs on one side and certain ghatwals on the other. These suits were valued at Rs. 15 and Rs. 30 respectively, and were decided against the ghatwals. The third case was the case of *Jogobundhoo Banerjee* vs. *Government*, and is one of considerable importance. The suit was brought for the reversal of a revenue sale, on the ground that the requirement of Act XI of 1859 had not been complied with. The lower court reversed the sale, namely, on two grounds—(1) that the proclamation to the ryots under section 7 of the Act was not served upon the land; and (2) that the other proclamation required by the same section was only served at one thana and one Moonsif's cutcherry, instead of at all the thanas

and all the cutcherries which were situated within the area of the estate. It seemed to me very doubtful whether the irregularities alleged were of such a nature as to avoid the sale: and I have accordingly appealed the case to the High Court. The notices and proclamations, on account of the non-service of which the Judge cancelled the sale, seemed to me to be intended for the protection of the purchaser, and not for the protection of the defaulter.

Chittagong.—In Chittagong 18 cases were decided in favour of Government and one against Government. The single case decided against Government was for the reversal of the sale of a talook on the ground of certain informalities. The case, which is now pending in appeal, does not call for any special notice.

Manbhoom.—In this district 16 cases were decided in favour of Government and two against Government. In neither of the cases, which are entered as being decided adversely to Government, was the Government directly interested. In the first case, that of *Hurrinarain Singh* vs. *Government and others*, the question was whether a piece of land belonged to the plaintiff or formed part of the ghatwali village of Neasa: and the civil court decided adversely to the ghatwal. The second case, that of *Muddun Chowdhry* vs. *Government and others*, was a dispute between the shareholders of a jaghir tenure, and the Government was most unnecessarily made a defendant. The case has apparently been entered in the statements as decided against Government, as the Moonsif did not award costs in favour of the Government.

Lohardugga.—In this district only one suit was instituted, and that was decided adversely to Government. It was a suit instituted on behalf of Government to recover Rs. 776. on account of mesne profits of certain land which it was alleged that the defendants had wrongfully held possession of from 1858 to 1874. At the trial the Government failed to prove that the defendants had held possession of the land as stated in the plaint, and the suit was accordingly dismissed.

Shaik Munnoo vs. the Deputy Magistrate of Manickgunge.

Dacca.—The facts of this case are: That the plaintiff's brother, Shaik Tunnoo, was charged with theft, and a warrant was issued for his arrest. The accused, however, evaded the warrant and absconded, and his property was ordered to be attached. Of the property so attached a certain portion was claimed by the plaintiff; but the Deputy Magistrate rejected the claims, and the plaintiff thereupon brought an action against the Deputy Magistrate in the civil court for the recovery of the attached property or its value. The Deputy Magistrate pleaded that he acted in good faith and within his jurisdiction, and was therefore protected by the provisions of Act XVIII of 1850. The Moonsif of Manickgunge, who decided the case, however, found that the Deputy Magistrate did not pay due care and attention in attaching the property, and that he was not therefore protected by the provisions of the aforesaid Act, and accordingly decreed the case against him. Against this decree an appeal has been filed by the Deputy Magistrate.

Golapjan Bebee vs. *Government and others.*

Backergunge.—This was a petty suit valued at Rs. 105, in which the plaintiff sought for a declaration of her right to certain land which had been demarcated and mapped by an ameen with a Government chain. The Moonsif gave the plaintiff a partial decree, decreeing the claim to part of the land claimed, and dismissing it as to the other part.

(1)—*Koilash Nath Bose* vs. *Government and others.*
(2)—*Surbanund Bose,* vs. *Government and others.*
(3)—*Eshur Chunder Bagchee* vs. *Government and others.*

Furreedpore.—In these cases the plaintiffs sued to recover possession of certain land, on the ground that they had re-formed on the ancient site of talook.

The lands had, however, been held possession of by Government as accretions to chur Ujun, and had been sold as part and parcel of that chur to our co-defendants in the case. No claim was apparently laid to these lands by the plaintiffs previous to the sale to the defendants, but the Subordinate Judge, after a local investigation, was of opinion that the plaintiff had established his claim, and decreed the case in his favour, and against this decree our co-defendants have appealed.

Hur Chunder Moozumdar and others vs. *Government.*

In this case the plaintiffs sued to set aside the order of the Deputy Collector of Pubna assessing 5 beeghas 10 cottahs of land, which the plaintiffs claim as rent-free, but which the Deputy Collector measured and assessed as part of the resumed lakhiraj land of Kristo Chunder Moozumdar. We contended that the land in dispute was part of the resumed lakhiraj, and had been in the possession of the Government since 1847. The Moonsif found that the land was in the possession of the plaintiffs as part of their bromutter land, and decreed the case in their favour. Against this decision an appeal has been preferred to the Judge, which is still pending.

Goshain Luchminarain Pooree vs. *Mr. H. Beames, Deputy Magistrate of Nowadah, and others.*

Gya.—In this case the plaintiffs sued to recover from the Deputy Magistrate the sum of Rs. 5,249-9, being the amount of damages alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff in consequence of the action of the Deputy Magistrate. There is in the district of Gya a ghatwali tenure called Kaiakole, which the plaintiffs purchased at an auction sale. The old proprietors of Kaiakole refused to acknowledge the validity of the sale on the ground that the tenure was inalienable. Disputes thereupon arose between the plaintiffs and the old proprietors, the plaintiffs seeking to obtain, and the old proprietors refusing to surrender, possession.

These disputes seem to have culminated at the time the crops of the ryots were ready to be cut; and Mr. Beames, the Deputy Magistrate, went to the spot to see that no breach of the peace was committed. While there the crops were cut and divided between the ryots and the old proprietors, under, as alleged by the plaintiffs, the order of Mr. Beames, the Deputy Magistrate. The plaintiffs considered that by this action, or alleged action, they had suffered very severe pecuniary loss, and sued the Deputy Magistrate for Rs. 5,249 damages. The Subordinate Judge gave the plaintiff a decree for Rs. 3,432, and against this decision appeals have been filed in the High Court, both by the plaintiff and the Deputy Magistrate, Mr. Beames.

Chidi Shahi and others vs. *Mussamut Luchoo Koer, Government, and others.*

Muzufferpore.—During the famine of 1874 Rs. 1,000 were borrowed by the defendant, Luchoo Koer, which she expended in digging a tank in order to give employment to her ryots. In return for the loan she mortgaged to the Collector of Tirhoot certain landed property. In this landed property she had only a life interest, and this suit was brought by those who held a reversionary interest in the estate to have it declared that the mortgage was not binding upon them, but was merely a charge upon the life interest of the widow. The Subordinate Judge found that the digging of the tank was not an act of necessity for which the widow could legally charge the estate, and directed that the amount of the mortgage should be recovered from the life interest of the widow. The Subordinate Judge, however, disallowed the plaintiff's costs, as he was of opinion that there was no necessity for him to have brought this suit during the widow's lifetime. The Collector reports that the amount lent by Government will be recovered from the widow.

Amrit Monee Dabee vs. *Government and others.*

Moorshedabad.—This was a petty suit for the recovery of 1 beegha 16 cottahs of land, from which the plaintiff alleged she had been dispossessed in consequence of her ryot having refused to pay her rent for the same, on the plea that he held under the Government. The Moonsif found that the land belonged to the plaintiff's jote, and decreed the case accordingly.

Two cases *Syestanessa Bebee and others* vs. *Government.*

These were suits against Government for arrears of rent, which were, I think, properly decreed.

Boodh Singh Doodhuria, plaintiff, vs. (1) *Government through the Collector of Moorshedabad,* (2) *Modhusoodun Panday, defendants.*

It appears that the zemindary of Rughunathbatty, paying a Government revenue of Rs. 47-2-3, was sold for arrears of land revenue on the 25th August 1871 for Rs. 259. From this amount the Government revenue due and the talubana being deducted, the balance (Rs. 210-13-9) was held in deposit in the collectorate. The plaintiff, who admittedly was neither

a recorded proprietor nor an heir of such proprietor, on the allegation of having purchased two-thirds of the estate in execution of a civil court decree, applied to the Collector for the refund of the entire surplus held in deposit. This application was refused by the Collector under section 31 of Act XI of 1859, and the plaintiff thereupon instituted this suit against the Government and his one-third co-sharer (the defendant No. 2) for recovery of his two-thirds share of the surplus money.

On behalf of Government it was pleaded that the plaintiff being but one of the sharers entitled to the surplus, the Collector could not, under section 31 of Act XI of 1859, pay even his own share upon his single receipt, and far less the amount of the surplus to which, according to the plaintiff's own case, he was not entitled.

The Moonsif held that the plaintiff was entitled to two-thirds of the surplus money, and that the order of the Collector refusing to pay the balance to the plaintiff, was correct under section 31 of Act XI of 1859; but holding further that the reasons mentioned by the Collector for his refusal to pay the surplus were not wholly correct, he ordered that each party should bear his own costs. Against this order for costs an appeal was preferred to the Judge.

Rajshahye.—In this case Ranee Suruth Sundery sued the Government and the other defendant Siraj Singh for compelling them to fill up an excavation made by the defendants in a beegha of land. The Ranee's allegations in her plaint were that the land in suit appertained to her village of zillah Chut Sreerampore, that the same was given to Siraj Singh for purposes of cultivation only, and that without her consent Siraj Singh, in collusion with the Government officer, the Superintendent, and darogah of the jail, had excavated the land for brick-making.

Rajshahye No. 26 of 1874.—*Ranee Suruth Sundery, plaintiff,* vs. (1) *Government,* (2) *Siraj Singh.*

The answer filed on behalf of Government was to the effect that Siraj Singh did not hold directly of the plaintiff, but was a tenant under two other persons, who held *mourussee kaemi* (permanent) jotes under the Ranee, and that the Government officer, under a contract with Siraj Singh, had made the excavation. On these allegations it was pleaded that the plaintiff, if she had any cause of action, had none whatever against the Government.

The Subordinate Judge of Rajshahye, who tried the case, finding that the defendant had failed to prove either that the two persons under whom it was alleged that Siraj Sing held the land had any permanent interest in the land, or that Siraj had any power to make any excavation, decreed the plaintiff's suit.

There was, however, no necessity to appeal to a higher tribunal, as the Ranee compromised the case upon Government recognizing her right as zemindar.

Rajshahye.—Plaintiff sued to establish her right to 12 *khadas* of land, on the ground of re-formation and gradual accretion to his zemindary Newargatcha. On the part of Government it was contended that the land in dispute was an accretion to Government khas mehal Belearpara. The Moonsif found that part of the land claimed was a re-formation of plaintiff's zemindary, and gave him for this portion a decree, dismissing the suit as regards the remaining portion of the land.

Dwarkanath Chowdhry vs. *Government and others.*

Dinagepore.—In this case plaintiffs instituted a suit against Government and others for recovery of possession of about 4,000 beeghas of land, on the ground of re-formation on the original site of their estate Anupnuggur. They alleged that the river Pudma, having washed away a portion of the mainland on the south, again receded, throwing up the lands on the original site. On behalf of Government it was urged that the lands had originally formed an island surrounded by unfordable streams on all sides, and that the plaintiffs were never in possession.

Koer Poreshnarain Roy and others vs. *Government.*

The Subordinate Judge gave the plaintiffs a decree for the lands which, according to the ameen's map, were covered by the survey map of the plaintiffs' estate.

Bogra.—In this case the plaintiff sued Government for recovery of his pay as supervisor during the relief operations for 29 days of July.

Khos Mahomed Sirkar, plaintiff, vs. the Collector of Bogra, defendant.

It was admitted on the part of the defendant that the plaintiff was employed as a supervisor, but it was stated that he was discharged from his office on the 30th June.

The Moonsif who tried the case held on the evidence that the plaintiff was in the service either as supervisor or as the distributor of food till the 29th July, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's claim with costs.

11. The result of the Court of Wards' cases, as contrasted with the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of wards	604	1,316	1,551
Ditto against ditto	131	252	325
Compromised, remanded, &c.	65	145	112
Percentage in favour of Wards	82	84	83

12. These figures include rent suits under Act VIII of 1869, as well as ordinary civil suits. Formerly rent suits were not exhibited in our statements, but they were included last year by Mr. O'Kinealy, and they are accordingly exhibited this year.

13. In the 325 cases decided adversely to the Court of Wards are included 133 analogous cases which were decided against the Court of Wards at Midnapore, and which are noticed at paragraph 18 of this report. Had it not been for these analogous cases the percentage in favour of the Court of Wards would have been still more favourable. At the same time the percentage of successful cases is very high. It is hardly reasonable to expect that we can always be successful in 83 per cent. of our Court of Wards' cases; and I have no doubt that this high percentage both this year and last year is owing to rent suits being included in the civil court returns.

14. The following gives the result of the High Court appeals in connection with wards' estates:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of wards	16	19	28
Ditto against ditto	5	17	6
Compromised or remanded	14	18	7
Percentage in favour of wards	76	53	82

These figures exhibited, I think, very satisfactory results.

15. The following is a statement of the Court of Wards' cases decided by the Lower Appellate Courts, as compared with the two previous years:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of minors	29	76	116
Ditto against ditto	33	60	42
Compromised or remanded	14	5	18
Percentage in favour of minors	47	56	73

16. With regard to original suits in which the Court of Wards were engaged, the following table gives the results of the year 1875-76 as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
Decided in favour of wards of the Court ...	559	1,221	1,407
Ditto against ditto	93	175	277
Compromised, &c.	37	122	87
Percentage in favour of wards	86	87	83

17. This decrease in the percentage of favourable cases is owing to the fact already adverted to,—that out of 277 cases, 133 analogous suits, which were instituted by Baboo Ramnidhi Koondoo against the estate of the minor Rajah of Jhargram, were all decided against the Court of Wards. If these cases are considered as one case, the percentage in favour of the Court of Wards would amount to upwards of 90 per cent. Such are the general results of the litigation in connection with the Court of Wards. It is unnecessary to review the cases in any detail, as the suits were for the most part of the ordinary kind that fall to the lot of those who are concerned with the management of landed property

in Bengal. There are, however, one or two cases which it may be interesting to notice.

18. I have already stated that 133 analogous cases were decided against the Court of Wards at Midnapore. These cases were in connection with the estate of the minor Rajah of Jhargram. When this estate came into the hands of the Collector, it was found to be very heavily encumbered. The late Rajah, previous to his death, had given a lease of the pergunnah of Jhargram to Baboo Ramnidhi Koondoo, a money-lender, to whom the Rajah was heavily indebted. Under the terms of the lease the Rajah undertook to show a jummabundi of Rs. 35,000, stipulating that if the collections fell below that amount, he (the Rajah) would make good the deficiency. The lease was to come into operation some six months after its execution, and the interval was employed by the Rajah in revising his rent-roll, and obtaining written agreements from his ryots. The pergunnah was of wide extent, and the Rajah had not completed the revision of his rent-roll when Ramnidhi Koondoo's lease commenced. The Rajah, however, still continued the revision of his rent-roll, without apparently any opposition being made by Ramnidhi Koondoo. Shortly after the commencement of the lease the Rajah died, and the estate was placed under the Court of Wards, who continued the revision of the jummabundi which the Rajah in his lifetime had commenced. In the agreements which were interchanged with the ryots it was stipulated that the rent as fixed was not to be enhanced or diminished during the pendency of Ramnidhi Koondoo's lease. After these agreements, or the greater number of these agreements, had been executed, disputes arose between the Collector and Ramnidhi Koondoo regarding various matters in connection with the estate, and Ramnidhi Koondoo thereupon instituted these 133 cases to have these agreements set aside. The agreements were all drawn up in one form, and the suits were all precisely of one nature. The ryots who signed the agreement and the Collector, as representing the estate, were in all the cases made defendants, and the object of the suit was to have these agreements or pottahs set aside, on the ground that they were injurious to the plaintiff as preventing him from enhancing the rent during the pendency of the lease. The cases were all decided by the Moonsif in favour of the plaintiff; but the Moonsif's decision was reversed by the Judge, who held that the plaintiff had no cause of action, as he had not shown that he had sustained any damage. Four of the cases were then brought on special appeal to the High Court. We resisted the appeal on the ground that, under certain recent rulings of the Privy Council, the plaintiff was not entitled to a declaratory decree to set aside the pottahs, unless such decree would entitle him to consequential relief. Our contention shortly was that the plaintiff, being no party to these leases, could in no way be bound by them, and that the existence of these leases would be no bar to his enhancing the ryots' rents if he could show that he was entitled to such enhancement. We further contended that as no consequential relief was either asked for or could be granted in these suits, they could not, with reference to the recent Privy Council decisions, be maintained. The learned Judges, however, distinguished these cases from the cases before their Lordships of the Privy Council, and decreed the appeals.

This litigation has been of a most harassing description; but I hope now that matters are being amicably arranged between the plaintiff and the Court of Wards. The Collector, Mr. Harrison, is, I think, entitled to the greatest praise for the tact and judgment which he has displayed in managing this very heavily-encumbered estate, and I have no doubt that under his careful supervision the estate will in a few years emerge from its difficulties.

19. Another estate which has been involved in much litigation is the estate of Desputti Singh, a minor under the Court of Wards in the district of Shahabad. The circumstances of this case are somewhat peculiar. Desputti Singh is the adopted son of Bindessuree Pershad Singh. Bindessuree Pershad Singh was a person of weak intellect, and he was declared by the civil court incompetent to manage his affairs; and his estates were placed under the Court of Wards. In 1871 his health became very precarious, and he asked permission to adopt a son.

Bengal Act IV of 1870, section 74, following Regulation X of 1793, section 33, provides that "no adoption by any ward, and no written or verbal permission to adopt given by any ward, is to be deemed valid without the previous consent of the Lieutenant-Governor, on application made to him through the Court and Board of Revenue." The son whom he proposed to adopt was his nephew Desputti Singh, and the Collector approved of the adoption; and as Bindessuree Pershad was very seriously ill, the adoption ceremonies were hurried on before the sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor could be obtained. Eventually, Bindessuree Pershad Singh died, and the question then arose whether Desputti Singh had been legally adopted in the absence of the previous sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor to the adoption. If Desputti Singh's title was invalid, the estate passed to Baboo Ritbhunjun Singh, a member of Baboo Koer Singh's family. The title of Desputti Singh was not, however, disputed by Ritbhunjun, and Desputti Singh succeeded under the orders of the civil court to the property left by his adoptive father.

Baboo Ritbhunjun Singh was, however, heavily involved in debt, and his creditors were by no means disposed to allow him to forego his claims to the property to which Desputti Singh had succeeded. They accordingly disputed the validity of the adoption, and applied to the civil court for permission to treat the property as belonging to Baboo Ritbunjun Singh, and as answerable for their debts. Each creditor of Ritbhunjun Singh brought a separate suit. In all thirteen suits were instituted, but the relief asked for in all the cases was the same, namely, that Desputti Singh's property might be sold to pay Ritbhunjun Singh's debts. Eventually the cases came in appeal before the High Court, which decided that Desputti Singh had no right to the property, and gave a decree in favour of Ritbhunjun Singh's creditors. Against this decision we have appealed to the Privy Council, on the grounds—

(1)—That as Ritbhunjun Singh was an assenting party to the adoption, and did not claim the property, his creditors had no *locus standi* in the case;

(2)—That the adoption was valid, as it did not require the previous sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor, as Desputti Singh had never been made a Ward of Court;

(3)—That even if the deed of adoption was invalid as such, it was still good as a will, and that probate having been granted thereof by the High Court, Desputti Singh was entitled to the property under the aforesaid will.

The whole confusion in this case arose from the requirements of the law that the Lieutenant-Governor's sanction should be given previous to the adoption.

In the present case the adoption was a perfectly proper one, and met with the approval of the local officers, but the ward unfortunately died before the Lieutenant-Governor's sanction was received. To guard against the occurrence of a similar case, a Bill has been introduced into the Legislative Council to allow the validation of an adoption by the subsequent sanction of the Lieutenant-Governor.

20. I do not think it necessary to notice in detail any other cases. The general results show, I think, that the managers of these Court of Wards' estates are very attentive to their duties, and that no pains are spared to carry to a successful issue any litigation that may arise.

21. The following gives the result of Government and wards' decrees recovered during the year as compared with the two preceding years:—

Government Decrees.

		1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	4,94,109	5,41,330	5,70,113
Recovered during the year	...	29,356	29,915	13,864
Percentage of recovery	...	6	5½	3

Wards' Decrees.

	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	6,60,512	19,42,423*	22,30,842*
Recovered during the year ...	1,26,416	2,00,255	2,77,258
Percentage of recovery ...	19	10	12

22. It is almost impossible to conceive figures which are more unsatisfactory than these, both with reference to Government and Court of Wards' cases. At the same time the figures when examined are not quite so unsatisfactory as they look. Of the Rs. 5,70,000 due to Government, Rs. 4,84,000 are due to Government from the Canning Municipality. In realization of this amount the property of the municipality is in the hands of the Collector; and Rs. 20,742 have been realized and credited to Government since the close of the year.

23. Leaving this decree out of consideration, there remains a balance of Rs. 86,000, of which 13,864 has been realized, which amounts to 16 per cent. of the outstanding decrees. Of course this amount is very small; but the local officers have undoubtedly great difficulties in realizing their decrees. I have recently issued rules for the guidance of Collectors and Government pleaders in the execution of decrees, and these rules, when I have received the opinion of the local officers upon them, will be submitted for the orders of Government.

24. Then, again, with regard to decrees in Court of Wards' cases, the figures are not quite so unsatisfactory as they look.

25. The total sum of Rs. 19,00,000 includes arrears which were due to the various estates, in some cases before they came under the Court of Wards. In the Durbhungah estate, for instance, the Manager last year writes as follows:—

"The total balance outstanding at the close of the year amounts to Rs. 12,03,469-2-8, of which Rs. 6,32,700-6-9 are on account of interest and costs, and the remaining Rs. 5,70,768-11-11 represent principal.

"These decrees are mostly of long standing, and cover balances principally of the late Maharajah's time. In some few cases the properties of the debtors are protected by fictitious transfers, but in by far the greater number they have now little or no property left, all that they had, or the principal portions of the same, having been already sold at our instance."

26. I will give another instance. In the estate of Sreenath Sandyal, a lunatic under the Court of Wards, the outstanding balances are Rs. 1,78,000; and of this amount Rs. 75,000 is on account of decrees which were outstanding before the estate came under the Court of Wards. I have not been furnished with figures with regard to the other estates; but I have no doubt that the remarks which apply to the Durbhunga estate apply equally to the other estates.

27. As long as these old-standing balances are included in the accounts, it is, of course, impossible to make any useful comparison between the realization and the outstanding balances of decrees. A fairer comparison would be to take the sum decreed during the year and contrast it with the sum realized during the year. Taking this standard of comparison the figures would be as follow:—

	Rs.
Amount decreed during the year	2,94,700
Interest and costs on above	1,43,000
Total	4,37,700
Amount realized	2,77,000

28. During the year under review Mr. O'Kinealy was in charge of the office from 1st April to 7th August 1875, on which day I took charge on my return from furlough.

29. There were no changes in the office of Government pleaders in the districts during the year.

* These figures include real decrees, which were not shewn in the statements of the previous years.

30. Of the Collectors whose work has come before me, the following deserve special mention for their careful preparation of cases :—

Sir W. Herschel, Hooghly.
Mr. Harrison, Midnapore.
„ Lyall, Dacca.
„ Larminie, Bankoora.
„ Taylor, Bhagulpore.
Mr. Whinfield, Burdwan.
„ Beames, Cuttack.
„ Porch, Noakholly.
„ Stevens, Nuddea.
„ Wilson, 24-Pergunnahs.

31. Of the Government pleaders whose work has come before me during the year, I would desire to mention the names of—

Baboo Unnodaprosad Banerjee, the Senior Government Pleader in the High Court.
„ Ashootosh Mookerjee, Government Pleader, 24-Pergunnahs.
„ Eshan Chunder Mitter, Hooghly.
„ Harihar Mookerjee, Bankoora.
„ Hungsheshur Mookerjee, Manbhoom.
Baboo Bhoopsensing, Gya.
„ Soshibhuson Mookerjee, Bhagulpore.
„ Nobin Chunder Dey, Patna.
„ Kedarnath Banerjee, Mozufferpore.
„ Nursing Chunder Mitter, Sarun.
„ Opendronath Mitter, Dacca.
„ Umakant Bhoya, Rajshahye.
„ Ram Chunder Mookerjee, Nuddea.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

H. BELL,
Legal Remembrancer.

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Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment—

	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
High Court	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Zillah appeals	4	...	.....	1	.....	...	.....	3	1,037 0 0
Original suits	13	7	2,009 0 0	3	15,037 8 9	...	.....	3	3,982 13 0
Total ...	17	7	2,009 0 0	4	15,037 8 9	...	.....	6	5,019 13 0

Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings—

High Court	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Zillah appeals	3	3	373 1 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Original suits	10	4	369 6 0	...	.....	1	100 0 0	5	8,575 0 0
Total ...	13	7	742 7 0	...	.....	1	100 0 0	5	8,575 0 0

Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement—

High Court	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Zillah appeals	3	2	2,186 2 8	...	.....	...	.....	1	100 0 0
Original suits	7	5	442 7 3	1	100 0 0	...	.....	1	10 0 0
Total ...	10	7	2,628 9 11	1	100 0 0	...	.....	2	110 0 0

Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government—

High Court	3	2	4,655 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	1	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	63 0 0	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....
Original suits	8	3	130 8 0	...	.....	2	83 0 0	3	2,027 2 6
Total ...	12	6	4,848 8 0	...	.....	2	83 0 0	4	2,027 2 6

Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities—

None.

Suits for the recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c.—

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	14	4	1,545 12 0	1	23 0 0	5	763 14 6	4	17,408 9 0
Total ...	14	4	1,545 12 0	1	23 0 0	5	763 14 6	4	17,408 9 0

Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rents, or for exoneration from unjust demand—

High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	806 10 6
Zillah appeals	5	2	661 6 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	653 2 0
Original suits	14	9	2,520 12 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	729 11 10
Total ...	21	11	3,182 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	2,189 8 4

Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account or value of property or purchase-money—

High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12,825 13 3
Zillah appeals	9	4	806 10 7	1	285 11 0	1	528 10 9	3	2,890 7 10
Original suits	39	24	21,865 7 3	1	134 9 2	3	269 0 9	11	5,757 1 7
Total ...	50	28	22,672 1 10	2	420 4 2	4	797 11 6	16	21,273 6 8

Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or common or bond debts—

High Court	30	7	16,451 14 3	1	.....	5	1,642 1 11	17	79,822 10 5
Zillah appeals	71	10	976 13 10	4	5,230 1 0	11	8,693 7 3	46	10,038 2 8
Original suits	172	98	53,991 8 10	14	11,596 7 0	12	56,042 11 5	48	71,498 9 4
Total ...	273	115	71,420 4 11	19	16,826 8 0	28	66,378 4 7	111	1,61,359 6 5

Suits in which Government has been made a defendant *pro formâ*—

High Court	4	3	789 12 6	...	.....	...	.....	1	1,095 0 0
Zillah appeals	7	4	1,487 12 0	...	.....	1	45 0 0	2	1,560 0 0
Original suits	38	23	9,632 14 5	2	1,464 14 9	...	.....	13	1,863 1 5
Total ...	49	30	11,910 6 11	2	1,464 14 9	1	45 0 0	16	4,518 1 5

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	Pending.
Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the pleas of informality, non-liability, &c.—					
	No.	No. Rs. A. P.	No. Rs. A. P.	No. Rs. A. P.	No. Rs. A. P.
High Court appeals ...	2	.....	.....	.....	2 1,071 6 6
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	3 7,071 14 0	1 6,500 0 0	.....	.....
Total ...	6	3 7,071 14 0	1 6,500 0 0	.....	2 1,071 6 6
Suits for reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.—					
None.					
Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas—					
None.					
Suits to stay revenue sales, or sales in execution of decrees, or sales of property pledged as security—					
None.					
Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others—					
High Court appeals ...	3	1 1,375 14 0	....	....	2 114 0 0
Zillah appeals	6	....	3 719 9 9	....	3 781 12 3
Original suits	8	5 1,469 0 3	1 49 2 0	....	2 130 0 0
Total ...	17	6 2,844 14 3	4 768 11 9	....	7 1,025 12 3
Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity, over which the civil court has no jurisdiction—					
None.					
Suits to contest orders reversing sales or regarding confirmation of quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines—					
High Court appeals ...	1	....	1 51 6 2	....	....
Zillah appeals	1	....	....	1 1,500 0 0	....
Original suits	1	....	....	....	1 1,600 0 0
Total ...	3	....	1 51 6 2	1 1,500 0 0	1 1,600 0 0
Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers—					
High Court appeals ...	5	....	....	....	5 15,520 6 1
Zillah appeals	4	1 3 5 0	....	....	3 1,760 0 0
Original suits	9	5 11,990 15 0	2 6,349 9 0	....	2 184 5 3
Total ...	18	6 12,003 4 0	2 6,349 9 0	....	10 17,464 11 4

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.							
		Favourable.		Unfavourable.		Compromised or remanded.		Pending.	
Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment—									
	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
High Court	5	1	2,325 0 0	.....	.....	3	486 6 2	1	2,325 0 0
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	59 1 7	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	233	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233	6,113 0 2
Total ...	239	1	2,325 0 0	1	59 1 7	3	486 6 2	234	8,438 0 2
Suits for recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or other sureties—									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	552 4 0
Original suits	2	2	993 2 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	3	2	993 2 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	552 4 0
Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it—									
None.									
Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non fulfilment of contract—									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	4	2,039 0 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	4	4	2,039 0 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Suits for possession of land or for the recovery of debts—									
High Court	3	1	400 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	12,261 10 6
Zillah appeals	7	5	2,067 13 0	1	805 0 0	.....	.....	1	140 4 0
Original suits	16	6	29,773 15 6	1	776 4 0	1	7,503 0 0	8	13,144 13 6
Total ...	26	12	31,841 12 6	2	1,581 4 0	1	7,503 0 0	11	25,546 12 0
Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws—									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	615 8 10
Original suits	2	2	1,393 2 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	3	2	1,393 2 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	615 8 10
Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870—									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	2	57 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	450 0 0
Total ...	4	2	57 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	450 0 0

D.

General Abstract Statement of suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1875-76.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEALS.									
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1875.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. In favour of Government.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. Against Government.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. Total.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number pending on the 31st March 1875.	Number instituted from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. In favour of Government.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. Against Government.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. Total.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.	Pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number of cases in which Government was cast twice.
High Court ...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	33	60	15	2	17	...	...	8	35	...
Burdwan ...	3	13	16	4	3	7	...	...	9	1	2	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	1
Bankoora ...	7	18	25	13	...	13	1	...	11	2	3	5	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom ...	3	6	9	5	...	5	2	...	2	2	1	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
Midnapore ...	12	23	35	20	4	24	2	...	9	2	8	10	3	1	4	...	...	...	6	1
Hooghly ...	1	8	9	4	...	4	1	...	4	2	2	4	3	...	3	...	...	...	1	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	5	7	12	12	...	12	...	...	...	...	5	5	2	...	2	...	...	1	2	...
Nuddea	1	.....	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	4	.....	4	3	1	4	...	...	...	...	1
Jessore	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	2	2	...	2	..	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	5	5	10	5	4	9	1	...	...	...	6	6	1	...	1	...	3	...	2	...
Dinagepore ...	1	4	5	2	1	3	...	1	1	...	3	3	...	1	1	...	...	1	1	...
Rajshahye ...	8	2	10	2	2	4	6	...	...	3	1	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	...
Rungpore ...	1	1	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	...	2	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	2	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	2	9	11	8	1	9	...	...	2	4	2	6	2	...	2	...	...	...	4	...
Furreedpore ...	14	12	26	13	4	17	...	...	9	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ...	3	5	8	2	1	3	1	...	4	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	10	15	25	16	...	16	...	...	9	...	22	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...
Tipperah	3	3	6	2	...	2	...	...	4	2	7	9	3	...	3	2	...	...	4	..
Chittagong ...	11	20	31	18	1	19	...	...	12	1	3	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	3	...
Noakholly ...	8	15	23	18	...	18	...	...	5	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	2	7	9	6	...	6	...	...	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Sarun	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	3	3	...	1	1	...	...	2	4	.....	4	...	3	3	...	...	1	...	...
Shahabad ...	4	19	23	15	...	15	1	...	7	...	3	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...
Mozufferpore ...	4	4	8	3	1	4	1	...	3	3	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
Monghyr	5	235	240	5	...	5	2	...	233	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore ...	1	2	3	1	...	1	1	...	1	3	3	6	...	1	1	...	...	*3	2	...
Cuttack	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Pooree	...	4	4	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	3	.....	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazareebagh ...	...	4	4	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhoom ...	10	16	26	15	2	17	...	...	9	...	11	11	1	1	2	...	...	2	7	...
Lohardugga ...	1	.....	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	3	3	2	1	3	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	128	470	598	206	27	233	23	1	341	61	123	184	47	13	60	2	3	17	102	3

* Transferred to the High Court.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court, in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.							Nature of Disbursements.						
		Sums awarded in favour of Government in regular suits.	Costs awarded in favour of Government, whether in actions for or against Government.	Costs in Privy Council appeals realized.	Costs in pauper suits realized, exclusive of stamp fees.	Costs in all other cases realized.	All sums otherwise realized in judicial proceedings.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	Amount expended in prosecution of suits.	Amount expended in defence of suits.	Amount expended in Privy Council appeals.	Amount advanced in pauper suits, exclusive of stamp fees.	Miscellaneous disbursements on account of judicial proceedings other than those adverted to.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	15 0 0	153 15 9	.....	111 6 6	.....	23 8 8	303 14 6	306 13 9	117 14 6	3 11 0	.....	89 10 0	21 0 0	539 1 3
	Bankoora	.....	223 12 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	223 12 11	10 2 0	.....	1,013 9 11	.....	.....	41 7 9	1,065 3 8
	Beerbhoom	129 11 9	37 6 3	.....	34 6 3	11 14 10*	2 9 6	216 0 7	.....	53 1 9	77 5 3	.....	148 6 6	73 14 10	352 12 4
	Midnapore	207 12 0	16 0 6	.....	1,237 15 0	.....	25 4 0	1,486 15 6	.....	17 14 3	308 13 3	.....	155 6 0	54 1 6	626 3 0
	Hooghly	.....	1,008 3 6	.....	44 15 3	.....	.....	1,053 2 9	.....	72 10 6	296 6 9	.....	90 9 0	.....	459 10 3
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	9 9 6	211 1 8	.....	269 9 9	32 2 3	4 13 3	527 4 5	126 1 6	110 7 3	287 0 10	.....	417 5 0	1,316 15 3	2,257 13 10
	Nuddea	.....	173 14 0	.....	6 1 0	7 6 0	27 15 0	215 4 0	642 15 11	5 8 0	.....	.....	16 6 3	71 6 3	736 4 5
	Jessore	50 0 0	16 6 3	.....	22 8 0	.....	.....	88 14 3	.....	50 13 3	.....	63 6 9	.....	.....	114 4 0
	Soonderbuns	.....	110 9 6	.....	.....	18 6 3	7 6 3	136 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 10 3	11 10 3
Rajshahye	Moorshedabad	104 11 0	33 8 3	.....	24 8 0	.....	.....	162 11 3	556 10 7	.....	665 0 11	.....	.....	832 4 6	2,054 0 0
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	3 0 6	.....	.....	3 0 6	.....	3 2 6	.....	.....	0 8 0	.....	3 10 6
	Maldah	.....	34 3 9	.....	58 0 0	.....	.....	92 3 9	.....	.....	408 4 0	.....	1 2 3	.....	409 6 3
	Rajshahye	.....	38 8 3	.....	59 4 0	.....	.....	97 12 3	1,829 0 7	.....	55 1 1	.....	38 14 3	7 1 6	1,930 1 5
	Rungpore	.....	6 15 4	.....	8 11 3	.....	1 10 2	17 4 9	.....	2 10 6	.....	.....	15 0 6	9 8 1	27 3 1
Cooch Behar	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	523 6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	523 6 3	453 10 9	13 9 0	537 15 1½	.....	38 5 3	20 13 0	1,064 5 1½
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 0 0	.....	.....	.....	38 0 0
	Julpigoree	.....	8 0 9	.....	8 9 9	.....	.....	16 10 6	.....	.....	8 0 9	.....	8 9 9	.....	16 10 6
Dacca	Dacca	.....	540 10 11	.....	62 12 8	.....	.....	603 7 7	.....	.....	599 3 2	.....	95 6 10	.....	694 10 0
	Backergunge	.....	93 7 3	.....	23 1 9	.....	.....	116 9 0	.....	167 0 0	2,199 2 8	.....	40 5 0	.....	2,406 7 8
	Mymensingh	194 15 9	17 9 9	.....	10 0 6	.....	1 7 9	224 1 9	.....	.....	18 8 6	.....	37 9 9	4 4 6	60 6 9
	Furreedpore	.....	565 4 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	565 4 3	.....	.....	670 3 2	.....	.....	168 14 3	839 1 5
	Tipperah	.....	1,380 3 11	.....	7 2 9	.....	†488 10 9	1,876 1 5	1 13 10	409 1 6	920 10 4	.....	17 11 6	7 11 0	1,357 0 2
Chittagong	Noakholly	.....	30 2 9	.....	89 4 0	.....	.....	119 6 9	369 7 3	835 5 0	246 1 3	.....	0 2 3	5 5 0	1,456 4 9
	Chittagong	.....	1,209 4 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,209 4 1	.....	38 10 4	8 7 3	.....	.....	76 3 3	123 4 10
Patna	Patna	.....	4,011 0 2	.....	33 4 8	.....	.....	4,044 4 10	726 6 4	.....	26 13 0	.....	0 8 3	1,071 0 6	1,824 12 1
	Sarun	.....	17 5 6	.....	161 0 0	.....	.....	178 5 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 13 0	3,253 11 8	3,262 8 8
	Gya	.....	243 13 4	.....	486 11 10	.....	.....	730 9 2	.....	104 11 9	27 11 0	.....	9 6 0	31 7 6	233 4 3
	Shahabad	262 11 0	29 15 0	.....	.....	.....	3 6 2	296 0 2	.....	603 6 9	21 12 6	.....	18 1 0	.....	643 4 3
	Mozufferpore	17 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 3 9	.....	.....	37 14 9	.....	.....	58 3 0	96 1 9
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	18 1 3	.....	.....	18 1 3	.....	1,286 10 1	99 11 5	.....	.....	.....	1,386 5 6
	Chumparun	.....	60 14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Monghyr	.....	65 2 6	.....	.....	.....	0 4 9	65 7 3	.....	16 6 6	3 9 9	.....	.....	430 15 3	450 15 6
	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 1 0	.....	0 8 3	.....	.....	469 8 3	518 1 6
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	23 12 0	.....	.....	23 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 0 3	.....	7 0 3
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree	.....	10 9 1	.....	.....	12 14 2	0 7 1	23 14 4	.....	.....	302 13 11	.....	.....	20 9 8	323 7 7
	Balasore	.....	147 4 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 4 5	.....	.....	1,823 3 8	.....	.....	.....	1,823 3 8
Chota Nagpore	Hazareebagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	.....	1,129 2 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,129 2 3	.....	866 13 9	626 9 6	.....	.....	.....	1,493 7 3
	Lohardugga	550 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	550 0 0	61 4 0	133 12 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	195 0 4
	Total	1,541 10 9	12,147 14 1	.....	2,804 2 8	82 11 6	587 6 11	17,163 13 11	5,132 7 6	4,969 9 6	11,422 4 11½	63 6 9	1,255 2 7	8,058 0 9	30,901 0 0½

* This includes Rs. 6-14 on account of a claim case which is not shown in statement (G).
† Stamp fees in pauper suits.

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court, in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876, is Blank.

G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1876.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1875.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.			Total.	Realized during the year 1875-76.	Balance.	Deduct remitted by the order of the Commissioner or other authorities.	Net balance outstanding on the 1st April 1876.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	1. Burdwan	505 3 2	32 10 6	2 8 3	88 8 5	5 10 6	21 0 0	655 8 10	192 8 0	463 0 10	.....	463 0 10
	2. Bankoora	3,783 12 7	2,017 0 8	73 1 9	545 11 11	354 14 4	6 14 3	6,731 7 1	223 12 11	6,507 10 2	1,689 2 3	4,818 7 11
	3. Beerbhoom	*149 10 8	0 7 1	3 6 9	714 12 9	2 6 9	16 11 4	887 7 4	‡174 12 4	712 11 0	11 6 0	701 5 0
	4. Midnapore	920 15 6	103 0 8	130 3 3	721 14 9	146 6 3	101 9 0	2,124 1 0	249 0 6	1,875 0 6	.....	1,875 0 6
	5. Hooghly	.....	.....	859 0 2	.....	.....	578 12 0	1,437 12 2	1,008 3 6	429 8 8	2 8 2	427 0 6
Presidency	6. 24-Pergunnahs	4,45,433 0 6	38,905 1 8	18 3 0	1,011 8 0	9 4 6	45 2 3	4,85,422 3 6	237 10 8	4,85,164 8 10	.....	4,85,164 8 10
	7. Nuddea	.....	.....	81 14 0	.....	27 15 0	154 13 10	264 10 10	209 3 0	55 7 10	.....	55 7 10
	8. Jessore	101 11 0	.....	26 2 4	.....	1 6 5	1,546 14 1	1,676 2 1	66 6 3	1,609 11 10	68 0 3	1,541 11 7
	9. Soonderbuns	110 9 6	.....	.....	.....	7 6 3	18 6 3	136 6 0	136 6 0	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	10. Moorshedabad	78 0 0	57 0 0	89 0 9	.....	.....	52 0 8	276 1 5	138 3 3	137 14 2	45 15 0	91 15 2
	11. Maldah	29 2 2	0 7 4	4 10 3	.....	.....	.....	34 3 9	34 3 9	.....	.....	.....
	12. Rajshahye	.....	15 14 9	336 1 6	.....	13 12 4	17 8 1	383 4 8	38 8 3	344 12 5	.....	344 12 5
	13. Rungpore	1 0 9	.....	2 12 9	8 2 6	.....	2 6 5	14 6 5	8 9 6	5 12 11	.....	5 12 11
	14. Pubna	.....	24 8 3½	1,045 8 0	.....	0 8 2½	373 12 8	1,444 5 2	523 6 3	920 14 11	.....	920 14 11
Cooch Behar	15. Julpigoree	.....	.....	8 0 9	.....	.....	.....	8 0 9	8 0 9	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	16. Dacca	1,240 6 10	293 7 3	71 14 3	206 2 10	136 2 1	72 11 11	2,020 13 2	540 10 11	1,480 2 3	.....	1,480 2 3
	17. Furreedpore	.....	.....	76 1 3	.....	.....	529 13 10½	605 15 1½	565 4 3	40 10 10½	.....	40 10 10½
	18. Backergunge	.....	.....	153 10 9	.....	.....	2,410 5 6	2,564 0 3	93 7 3	2,470 9 0	.....	2,470 9 0
	19. Mymensingh	13 8 6	0 2 1	3 0 6	181 7 8	1 5 8	14 9 3	214 1 3	214 1 3	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	20. Tipperah	.....	.....	.....	1,268 4 6	71 8 3	40 7 2	1,380 3 11	1,380 3 11	.....	.....	.....
	21. Chittagong	.....	.....	1,079 5 3	.....	.....	162 10 7	1,241 15 10	1,209 4 1	32 11 9	32 11 9	.....
	22. Noakholly	.....	.....	.....	69 7 9	0 5 0	12 8 0	82 4 9	30 2 9	52 2 0	.....	52 2 0
Patna	23. Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	30,991 13 8½	304 3 0	1,365 11 7½	32,661 12 4	.....	32,661 12 4	.....	32,661 12 4
	24. Patna	3,950 9 0	101 11 0	35 10 3	297 7 10	4 4 10	62 11 6	4,452 6 5	4,011 0 2	441 6 3	.....	441 6 3
	25. Gya	870 4 10	53 11 11	200 14 10	.....	37 8 4	176 14 2	1,339 6 1	243 13 4	1,095 8 9	178 11 10	916 12 11
	26. Sarun	4 11 9	0 3 6	3 6 0	316 8 9	6 1 5	7 9 9	338 9 2	17 5 6	321 3 8	.....	321 3 8
	27. Shahabad	299 5 9	.....	2 12 6	7,878 9 0	3 6 2	99 13 9	8,283 15 2	296 0 2	7,987 15 0	.....	7,987 15 0
	28. Mozufferpore	†7 8 0	0 2 2	.....	5,341 11 4	1,161 15 1	97 0 6	6,608 5 1	17 3 9	6,591 1 4	.....	6,591 1 4
	29. Chumparun	57 0 0	.....	.....	31 12 0	.....	3 14 0	92 10 0	60 14 0	31 12 0	.....	31 12 0
Bhagulpore	30. Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 4 9	65 2 6	65 7 3	65 7 3	.....	.....	.....
	31. Bhagulpore	1,194 2 0	108 7 9	14 8 0	.....	.....	.....	1,317 1 9	.....	1,317 1 9	91 2 3	1,225 15 6
Orissa	32. Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 9 7	13 9 7	.....	13 9 7	.....	13 9 7
	33. Pooree	.....	.....	16 15 10	.....	2 9 11	395 0 2	414 9 11	23 14 4	390 11 7	.....	390 11 7
	34. Balasore	.....	.....	59 9 0	.....	5 7 4	1,758 11 4	1,823 11 8	147 4 5	1,676 7 3	.....	1,676 7 3
Chota Nagpore	35. Manbhoom	.....	.....	1,349 5 3	.....	.....	862 9 0	2,211 14 3	1,129 2 3	1,082 12 0	341 11 6	741 0 6
	36. Lohardugga	782 7 3	.....	101 12 6	.....	.....	.....	884 3 9	550 0 0	334 3 9	.....	334 3 9
		4,59,483 1 9	41,713 15 4½	5,849 7 8	49,673 15 3½	2,304 12 7½	11,087 13 0	5,70,113 1 8½	13,864 2 6	5,56,248 15 2½	2,461 5 0	5,53,787 10 2½

* The discrepancy of Re. 1-8-5 is owing to the inclusion of this item in the last year's return by mistake.
† The discrepancy of Re. 1-8 is owing to a mistake in calculation in the last year's statement.
‡ This amount does not agree with the collections shown in Statement C, because that statement includes Rs. 6-14 on account of a claim case which is not shown in this.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1876 is Blank.

I.

Statement showing the number of cases appertaining to the Court of Wards decided and pending in the year 1875-76.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ORIGINAL SUITS DECIDED.								APPEALS DECIDED.							
DISTRICTS.	Number pending on the 31st March 1875.	Number instituted from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.	Total.	In favour of the Court of Wards.	Against the Court of Wards.	Total decided.	Compromised.	Pending.	Number pending on the 31st March 1875.	Number instituted from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.	Total.	In favour of the Court of Wards.	Against the Court of Wards.	Total.	Compromised or remanded.	Pending.
High Court	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	*38	38	76	28	6	34	7	35
Beerbhoom	.....	19	19	15	4	19	...	...	1	3	4	3	1	4	...	...
Hooghly	.....	4	4	3	...	3	1	...	1	.....	1	1	...	1	...	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	4	246	250	221	10	231	8	11	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	1	73	74	69	2	71	...	3	8	5	13	5	2	7	1	5
Jessore	4	151	155	149	3	152	2	1	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	2	30	32	27	2	29	...	3	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	1
Dinagepore	2	10	12	5	2	7	...	5	4	.....	4	1	2	3	1	...
Maldah	.....	68	68	66	1	67	1	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	7	42	49	30	10	40	6	3	2	4	6	1	2	3	...	3
Rungpore	1	65	66	63	3	66	...	...	3	4	7	...	2	2	1	4
Bogra	22	47	69	50	5	55	2	12	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	.....	11	11	8	...	8	...	3	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	.....	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	.....	9	9	3	4	6	1	2	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	4
Furreedpore	.....	38	38	29	1	30	...	8	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	.....	85	85	61	5	66	3	16	1	6	7	...	...	...	1	6
Chittagong	8	70	78	68	3	71	1	6	11	34	45	11	17	28	4	13
Noakholly	15	117	132	91	21	112	...	20	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	†16	23	39	31	4	35	1	3	†2	7	9	5	2	7	...	2
Patna	1	6	7	...	2	2	...	5	1	.....	1	...	1	1	...	...
Sarun	3	9	12	8	1	9	1	2	6	1	7	3	2	5	...	2
Shahabad	3	88	91	70	17	87	4	...	8	8	16	...	1	1	7	8
Mozufferpore	15	162	177	136	14	150	14	13	8	8	16	8	2	10	1	5
Monghyr	5	102	107	76	6	80	24	3	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	.....	7	7	...	3	3	1	3	.....	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Bhagulpore	3	7	10	5	2	7	1	2	1	10	11	3	2	5	...	6
Cuttack	.....	3	3	...	...	...	...	3	2	.....	2	2	...	2	...	...
Hazareebagh	1	22	23	18	2	20	3	...	1	3	4	3	...	3	1	...
Lohardugga	14	10	24	20	3	23	1	...	.....	9	9	3	5	8	1	...
Manbhoom	6	6	12	5	3	8	...	4	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	2	139	141	5	131	136	3	2	.....	137	137	65	...	65	...	72
Burdwan	1	87	88	76	6	82	2	4	.....	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Gya	1	7	8	4	2	6	...	2	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge	1	9	10	...	3	3	7	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	‡138	1,774	1,912	1,407	277	1,684	87	141	100	283	383	144	48	192	25	166

* The discrepancy is owing to this, that in one case the estate has been removed from the hands of the Court of Wards, and in the other case no appearance was entered into.

† The discrepancy is owing to the non-inclusion of rent-suits in the annual return.

‡ The case shown as pending at Goalpara has been struck out of the statement, as the district has been annexed to Assam.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Courts in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.

Districts.	Nature of Receipts.						Nature of Disbursements.					
	Sums awarded in favour of Court of Wards in regular suits.	Costs awarded in favour of Court of Wards, whether in actions for or against Court of Wards.	Costs in Privy Council appeals realized.	Costs in all other cases realized.	All sums otherwise realized in judicial proceedings.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	Amount expended in prosecution of suits.	Amount expended in defence of suits.	Amount expended in Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous disbursements on account of judicial proceedings other than those adverted to.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bankoora	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Beerbhoom	123 9 8	57 3 4	.....	.....	.....	180 13 0	3,463 3 2	198 14 3	61 4 0	.....	11 13 0	3,735 2 5
Midnapore	.....	128 12 0	.....	.....	.....	128 12 0	.....	696 3 9	1,102 12 0	.....	39 13 0	1,838 12 9
Hooghly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
24-Pergunnahs	43,212 13 1	6,901 7 4	.....	.....	1 15 0	50,116 3 5	297 13 0	5,562 10 10	334 0 5	.....	384 0 8	6,578 8 11
Nuddea	5,650 9 3	1,624 4 10	.....	238 11 9	749 3 5	8,262 13 3	98 6 3	1,604 10 0	36 10 9	.....	896 14 9	2,636 9 9
Jessore	20,997 4 2	6,611 0 8	1,300 0 0	1,620 2 0	5,804 6 4	35,732 13 2	5,013 7 0	11,152 12 3	2,616 0 0	2,184 0 0	2,832 14 3	23,799 1 6
Moorshedabad	6,119 0 5	2,630 9 2½	.....	.....	.....	8,749 9 7½	923 8 3	1,207 5 0	109 3 9	.....	558 4 6	2,798 5 6
Dinagepore	11,376 2 6	66 4 6	.....	2 8 6	83 9 3	11,528 8 9	.....	2,009 15 3	.....	.....	3,142 8 3	5,152 7 6
Maldah	1,175 8 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,775 8 10	.....	517 13 9	.....	.....	226 2 9	744 0 6
Rajshahye	10,412 1 3	566 3 0	.....	120 7 9	.....	11,098 12 0	31,518 0 0	1,667 0 0	397 0 0	.....	254 6 3	33,836 6 3
Rungpore	Statement returned for correction, and not received back up to date.											
Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73 0 0	.....	.....	.....	73 0 0
Pubna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Julpigoree	18,180 9 8	423 14 10	.....	.....	.....	18,604 8 6	667 7 4	472 2 10	.....	.....	.....	1,139 10 2
Dacca	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,140 0 4	.....	179 12 3	.....	80 0 0	2,399 12 7
Backergunge	152 12 0	7 4 0	.....	.....	.....	160 0 0	433 2 11	387 14 3	569 1 3	.....	147 9 9	1,537 12 2
Mymensingh	1,892 3 8	906 7 0	.....	.....	1,170 13 3	3,969 7 11	25 5 7	1,732 8 6	.....	.....	657 8 1	2,415 6 2
Furreedpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tipperah	15,852 11 0	3,579 11 11	.....	.....	.....	19,432 6 11	68 0 11	5,969 14 7	13 11 6	.....	.....	6,051 11 0
Noakholly	8,817 8 5	2,378 2 11	.....	1,838 7 1	3,809 14 3	16,844 0 8	588 12 0	1,514 12 2	466 4 8	.....	3,239 14 8	5,809 11 6
Chittagong	2,678 2 8	1,055 10 8	.....	.....	.....	3,733 13 4	5,718 7 11	1,808 11 1	.....	.....	664 1 11	8,191 4 11
Patna	448 6 6	629 4 2	.....	.....	.....	1,077 10 8	1,170 0 0	331 4 9	1 0 6	.....	282 0 3	1,784 5 6
Sarun	31 0 0	621 11 0	.....	.....	.....	652 11 0	12,054 8 11	905 14 10	1,999 14 10	54 7 3	493 3 8	15,508 1 6
Gya	89 14 0	123 14 2	.....	.....	.....	213 12 2	.....	92 0 0	.....	.....	.....	92 0 0
Shahabad	166 12 4	37 2 9	.....	1,077 5 5	15 12 6	1,297 1 0	250 13 0	1,470 14 0	5,111 9 1	.....	1,736 12 0	8,570 0 1
Mozufferpore	38,349 11 11	4,830 7 5	.....	.....	.....	43,180 3 4	1,695 12 1	9,401 15 6	668 11 6	.....	3,181 7 8	14,947 14 9
Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 6 9	6 7 9	.....	545 13 6	586 12 0
Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116 4 0	.....	.....	.....	116 4 0
Bhagulpore	13,985 4 3	1,558 6 0	.....	.....	.....	15,543 10 3	7 4 6	1,925 0 0	.....	.....	231 9 3	2,163 13 9
Purneah	8,019 11 4½	1,889 8 2½	.....	.....	2,473 15 9½	12,383 3 4	.....	376 11 6	92 5 0	.....	1,527 10 3	1,998 10 9
Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90,164 4 3	1,365 8 4	.....	.....	.....	91,529 12 7
Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,038 0 0	.....	.....	.....	120 11 7	1,158 11 7
Balasore	13 5 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 5 3	13 5 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 5 3
Hazareebagh	1,938 3 9	561 10 9	.....	800 12 11	.....	3,300 11 5	704 8 3	1,081 6 3	37 11 6	.....	1,940 13 1	3,764 7 1
Manbhoom	.....	70 0 0	.....	.....	.....	70 0 0	.....	718 3 6	985 8 9	.....	.....	1,703 12 3
Lohardugga	2,889 10 10	262 10 8	.....	161 14 9	5,893 8 7	9,207 12 10	.....	177 2 9	907 14 0	.....	936 2 9	2,021 3 6
Total	2,13,173 0 9½	36,921 11 4	1,300 0 0	5,860 6 2	20,003 2 4½	2,77,258 4 7½	1,58,054 2 11	54,575 0 8	15,696 15 6	2,238 7 3	24,132 3 10	2,54,696 14 2

K.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1876.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1875.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1875 to 31st March 1876.			Total.	Realized during the year.	Balance.	Deduct remitted by the order of the Commissioner or other authorities.	Net balance outstanding on the 1st April 1876.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan ...	1. Beerbhoom	434 4 0	70 12 11	105 15 1	234 13 7	30 7 8	100 5 4	976 9 7	180 13 0	795 12 7	.....	795 12 7
	2. Midnapore	667 0 3	159 2 6	48 10 0	.....	67 10 0	8 2 0	950 8 9	128 12 0	821 12 9	.....	821 12 9
Presidency ...	3. 24-Pergunnahs	43,574 9 5	14,177 15 11	6,224 10 10	31,816 0 3	5,327 0 8	5,500 2 11	1,06,620 8 0	50,116 3 5	56,504 4 7	397 7 3	56,106 13 4
	4. Nudden	9,699 5 9	2,231 7 5	2,901 0 4	3,904 6 6	1,171 3 0	1,768 2 1	21,675 9 1	8,262 13 3	13,412 11 10	1,394 12 7	12,017 15 3
	5. Jessore	70,245 10 11	7,359 5 0	8,143 3 5	29,840 2 9†	10,024 4 5	8,464 6 4	1,34,077 0 10	35,732 13 2	98,344 3 8	4,240 13 1	94,103 6 7
	6. Moorshedabad	*49,732 5 2½	*1,289 9 8½	*2,514 2 0	8,815 1 3	2,191 1 1	1,681 14 7	66,224 1 10	8,749 9 7½	57,474 8 2½	1,076 7 7	56,398 0 7½
Rajshahye	7. Dinagepore	55,433 8 4	29,617 13 8	164 0 0	59,516 1 3	40,874 0 9	4,692 3 0	1,90,302 11 0	11,528 8 9	1,78,774 2 3	.....	1,78,774 2 3
	8. Maldah	†4,468 6 7	†237 9 7½	†2,478 1 11	473 8 6	97 3 0	739 1 0	8,493 14 7½	1,775 8 10	6,718 5 9½	.....	6,718 5 9½
	9. Rajshahye	9,074 5 6	897 14 6	1,102 2 3	7,125 3 0	430 6 3	622 5 0	19,252 4 0	11,098 12 0	8,153 8 0	47 8 0	8,106 0 0
	10. Rungpore	Statement returned and not received back yet.										
Cooch Behar ...	11. Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	27,175 6 6	3,047 3 7	3,410 8 5	33,633 2 6	18,604 8 6	15,028 10 0	.....	15,028 10 0
Dacca	12. Dacca	.....	.....	.....	5,648 7 6	.....	.....	5,648 7 6	.....	5,648 7 6	.....	5,648 7 6
	13. Backergunge	275 0 1	83 10 4	657 10 6	325 0 0	298 12 11	92 0 0	1,732 1 10	160 0 0	1,572 1 10	.....	1,572 1 10
	14. Mymensingh	1,502 14 2	83 7 2	72 3 6	4,050 11 7	1,328 15 8	1,723 9 11	8,761 14 0	3,960 7 11	4,702 6 1	115 0 0	4,677 6 1
	15. Tipperah	52,040 13 5	16,901 3 5	1,152 14 2	8,321 3 4	2,291 1 8	3,620 3 5	85,227 7 5	19,432 6 11	65,795 0 6	248 0 6	65,547 0 0
Chittagong ...	16. Chittagong	16,899 7 2	.....	.....	6,396 10 10	.....	.....	23,296 2 0	3,733 13 4	19,562 4 8	138 0 11	19,423 10 9
	17. Noakholly	15,750 3 7	8,894 1 0	7,656 13 5	3,751 8 7	2,109 3 11	4,165 14 8	42,327 13 2	16,844 0 8	25,483 12 6	214 15 7	25,268 12 11
Patna	18. Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	1,873 2 1	308 1 5	416 5 8	2,596 9 2	.....	2,596 9 2	.....	2,596 9 2
	19. Patna	743 1 0	79 3 10	164 2 11	60 11 0	25 14 7	129 0 3	1,202 2 4	1,077 10 7	124 7 9	.....	124 7 9
	20. Gya	595 3 3	419 11 10	209 15 8	.....	33 3 2	143 8 1	1,401 10 0	213 12 2	1,187 13 10	.....	1,187 13 10
	21. Sarun	1,320 2 8	.....	3,701 14 2	.....	27 15 4	1,801 4 6	6,851 4 8	652 11 0	6,198 9 8	557 13 9	5,640 11 11
	22. Shahabad	*4,618 7 9	*3,033 10 4	.....	19,893 11 0	1,718 10 0	.....	29,264 7 1	1,297 1 0	27,967 6 1	8 12 11	27,958 9 2
	23. Mozufferpore	5,77,267 9 6	5,28,423 14 6	1,07,680 13 5	51,943 6 1	8,776 13 11	9,130 15 3	12,83,223 8 8	43,160 3 4	12,40,043 5 4	16,484 3 6	12,23,559 1 10
Bhagulpore ...	24. Monghyr	.....	.....	4,877 15 0	.....	.....	.....	4,877 15 0	.....	4,877 15 0	.....	4,877 15 0
	25. Bhagulpore	20,261 8 6	8,114 14 11	2,286 11 3	10,350 7 9	2,665 7 10	1,237 15 11	44,917 2 2	15,543 10 3	29,373 7 11	434 10 6	28,938 13 6
	26. Purneah	24,896 5 1½	4,878 8 2½	3,685 12 8½	3,967 12 0	498 3 7	1,006 9 0	38,933 2 7	12,383 3 4	26,549 15 3	58 5 10½	26,491 9 4½
Orissa	27. Balasore	.....	.....	11 7 3	.....	.....	1 14 0	13 5 3	13 5 3	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore ...	28. Manbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,615 10 6	1,615 10 6	70 0 0	1,545 10 6	.....	1,545 10 6
	29. Lohardugga	†36,056 14 7	†6,531 5 10	†752 0 11	1,218 2 2	3,230 15 2½	1,538 6 1	50,227 12 9½	9,207 12 10	41,019 15 11½	7,002 6 4½	33,057 9 7
	30. Hazarcebagh	2,832 10 2	412 0 1	†1,426 13 8	8,000 9 11	17,70 0 6	2,075 14 8	16,518 1 0	3,300 11 6	13,217 5 6	193 1 6	13,024 4 0
	Total ...	10,00,194 12 4½	6,33,897 6 8½	1,58,019 2 4½	2,94,702 3 2	88,344 0 1½	55,685 6 7	22,30,842 15 4	2,77,258 4 7½	19,53,584 10 8½	32,673 0 10	19,20,911 9 10½

* The discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the last year's return.
† The discrepancy is owing to some mistake in the last year's statement

(GOVERNMENT) *Statement of percentages under clause* 12, *section* 4, *chapter III, of the Board's Rules, for the year* 1875-76.

DISTRICTS.	Dues outstanding at the end of the year next preceding the year under report.	Amount of decrees of which execution has been taken out during the year under report.	Total dues.	Decrees realized in full before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 75 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 50 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 25 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which less than 25 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Total collections during the year under report.	Balance due.	Deduct remissions.	Net balance.	Amount paid to collecting officers during the year under report.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	*a* 540 5 11	115 2 11	655 8 10	177 8 0	.....	15 0 0	.....	.....	192 8 0	463 0 10	.....	463 0 10	38 8 0
Bankoora	*b* 5,822 2 6	907 8 6	6,729 12 0	184 7 11	30 0 0	.....	9 5 0	.....	223 12 11	6,505 14 1	1,687 6 2	4,818 7 11	39 13 0
Beerbhoom	150 13 3	697 5 10	848 3 1	172 8 4	.....	.....	.....	2 4 0	174 12 4	673 6 9	11 6 0	662 0 9	.....
Midnapore	1,154 3 0	969 14 0	2,124 1 0	50 12 5	.....	.....	178 12 0	19 8 3	249 0 6	1,875 0 6	.....	1,875 0 6	46 0 10
Hooghly	859 0 2	578 12 0	1,437 12 2	1,008 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,008 3 6	429 8 8	2 8 2	427 0 6	.....
24-Pergunnahs	4,84,356 4 9	1,065 14 9	4,85,422 3 6	257 10 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	257 10 8	4,85,164 8 10	.....	4,85,164 8 10	158 11 11
Nuddea	81 14 0	182 12 10	264 10 10	209 3 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	209 3 0	55 7 10	.....	55 7 10	.....
Jessore	127 13 4	48 0 9	175 14 1	66 6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	66 6 3	109 7 10	68 0 3	41 7 7	.....
Moorshedabad	224 0 9	52 0 8	276 1 5	45 3 3	93 0 0	.....	.....	.....	138 3 3	137 14 2	45 15 0	91 15 2	10 0 0
Maldah	34 3 9	.....	34 3 9	34 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	*c* 20 0 4	18 7 11	38 8 3	38 8 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 8 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rungpore	3 13 6	8 9 6	12 7 0	8 9 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 9 6	3 13 6	.....	3 13 6	.....
Pubna	1,070 0 3½	374 4 10½	1,444 5 2	.....	.....	.....	523 6 3	.....	523 6 3	920 14 11	.....	920 14 11	.....
Julpigoree	.....	8 0 9	8 0 9	8 0 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 0 9	.....	.....	.....	1 9 9
Dacca	1,695 12 4	415 0 10	2,020 13 2	438 12 6	.....	26 13 0	.....	55 1 5	540 10 11	1,480 2 3	.....	1,480 2 3	.....
Furreedpore	76 1 3	529 13 10½	605 15 1½	565 4 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	565 4 3	40 10 10½	.....	40 10 10½	113 0 9
Backergunge	*d* 153 10 9	2,410 5 6	2,564 0 3	93 7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 7 3	2,470 9 0	.....	2,470 9 0	.....
Mymensingh	16 11 1	197 6 2	214 1 3	214 1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	214 1 3	.....	.....	.....	42 13 0
Tipperah	.....	1,380 3 11	1,380 3 11	1,380 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,380 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	0 1 3	1,241 14 7	1,241 15 10	1,209 4 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,209 4 1	32 11 9	32 11 9	.....	.....
Noakholly	... ..	82 4 9	82 4 9	30 2 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 2 9	52 2 0	.....	52 2 0	.....
Durbhunga	.....	32,661 12 4	32,661 12 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,661 12 4	.....	32,661 12 4	.....
Patna	4,087 14 3	364 8 2	4,452 6 5	239 3 8	3,771 12 6	.....	.....	.....	4,011 0 2	441 6 3	.....	441 6 3	.....
Sarun	8 5 3	330 3-11	338 9 2	17 5 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 5 6	321 3 8	.....	321 3 8	.....
Gya	1,124 15 7	214 6 6	1,339 6 1	243 13 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	243 13 4	1,095 8 9	178 11 10	916 12 11	.....
Shahabad	*b* 302 2 3	7,981 12 11	8,283 15 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	296 0 2	296 0 2	7,987 15 0	.....	7,987 15 0	.....
Chumparun	57 0 0	35 10 0	92 10 0	60 14 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 14 0	31 12 0	.....	31 12 0	.....
Mozufferpore	*e* 7 10 2	6,600 10 11	6,608 5 1	17 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 3 9	6,591 1 4	.....	6,591 1 4	.....
Monghyr	.....	65 7 3	65 7 3	65 7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	1,317 1 9	.....	1,317 1 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,317 1 9	91 2 3	1,225 15 6	.....
Poôree	*b* 16 15 10	6 14 6	23 14 4	23 14 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 14 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Balasore	*b* 59 9 0	1,763 10 8	1,823 3 8	147 4 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	147 4 5	1,675 15 3	.....	1,675 15 3	.....
Lohardugga	884 3 9	.....	884 3 9	.....	.....	550 0 0	.....	.....	550 0 0	334 3 9	.....	334 3 9	.....
Manbhoom	1,340 5 3	802 9 0	2,211 14 3	739 3 3	.....	.....	386 2 0	3 13 0	1,129 2 3	1,082 12 0	341 11 6	741 0 6	60 6 6
Total ...	5,05,512 3 3½	62,171 11 1	5,67,683 14 4½	7,766 14 11	3,894 12 6	591 13 0	1,097 9 3	376 10 10	13,727 12 6	5,53,956 1 10½	2,459 8 11	5,51,496 8 11½	510 15 9

a. The discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the last year's statement.
b. Net balance after remission.
c. The discrepancy of As. 3-8 is owing to a miscalculation in the Collector's statement of last year.
d. This amount was by an oversight not shown by the Collector in his statement of last year.
e. The discrepancy of Re. 1-8 is owing to a miscalculation in the Collector's statement of last year.

(WARDS) *Statement of percentages under clause* 12, *section* 4, *chapter III, of the Board's Rules, for the year* 1875-76.

DISTRICTS.	Dues outstanding at the end of the year next preceding the year under report.	Amount of decrees of which execution has been taken out during the year under report.	Total dues.	Decrees realized in full before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 75 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 50 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 25 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which less than 25 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Total collections during the year under report.	Balance due.	Remitted by the Board or other authority.	Net balance.	Amount paid to collecting officers during the year under report.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Beerbhoom	611 0 0	192 5 9	803 5 9	180 13 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 13 0	622 8 9	.....	622 8 9	.....
Midnapore	*a* 874 12 9	75 12 0	950 8 9	128 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	128 12 0	821 12 9	.....	821 12 9	.....
24-Pergunnahs	23,093 7 8	43,543 4 7	66,636 12 3	39,901 1 7	8,582 1 11	111 15 0	1,065 4 4	455 12 7	50,116 3 5	16,520 8 10	.....	16,520 8 10	.....
Nuddea	10,725 13 1	6,991 7 7	17,417 4 8	6,816 3 6	744 0 6	240 9 9	149 5 0	282 10 6	8,262 13 3	9,154 7 5	2,331 7 1	6,823 0 4	.....
Jessore	69,124 11 0	34,123 8 6	1,03,248 3 6	23,064 2 6	1,862 0 0	1,625 1 6	925 0 0	8,256 5 9	35,732 9 9	67,515 9 9	4,240 13 1	63,274 12 8	.....
Moorshedabad	*a* 58,536 0 11	12,688 0 11	66,224 1 10	7,497 6 4½	364 15 4	304 8 5	37 0 0	545 11 6	8,749 9 7½	57,474 8 2½	1,076 7 7	56,398 0 7½	340 0 0
Dinagepore	*b* 85,220 6 0	1,05,082 5 0	1,90,302 11 0	11,467 8 9	61 0 0	.....	.....	.....	11,528 8 9	1,78,774 2 3	.....	1,78,774 2 3	.....
Maldah	*b* 716 1 8	2,070 5 7	2,786 7 3	1,396 11 10	165 5 0	192 8 0	20 0 0	1 0 0	1,775 8 10	1,010 14 5	.....	1,010 14 5	.....
Rajshahye	*a* 11,074 5 9½	8,177 14 2½	19,252 4 0	10,884 5 0	.....	100 0 0	.....	114 7 0	11,098 12 0	8,153 8 0	47 8 0	8,106 0 0	.....
Rungpore						Statement returned for correction and not received back yet.							
Julpigoree	.....	18,690 1 2	18,690 1 2	18,580 8 6	.....	9 0 0	9 0 0	6 0 0	18,604 8 6	85 8 8	.....	85 8 8	.....
Backergunge	1,016 4 11	715 12 11	1,732 1 10	.....	150 0 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	160 0 0	1,572 1 10	.....	1,572 1 10	.....
Mymensingh	1,658 8 11	7,103 5 1	8,761 14 0	3,969 7 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,969 7 11	4,792 6 1	115 0 0	4,677 6 1	.....
Chittagong	10,929 7 8	12,354 1 10	23,283 9 6	3,146 5 10	366 9 3	209 9 3	4 8 0	6 13 0	3,733 13 4	19,549 12 2	138 9 11	19,411 2 3	.....
Noakholly	*a* 11,112 10 5	6,307 4 7	17,419 15 0	16,260 13 5	381 9 0	109 6 3	72 11 0	19 9 0	16,844 0 8	575 14 4	.....	575 14 4	20 0 0
Tipperah	70,994 15 0	14,232 8 5	85,227 7 5	15,571 0 1	1,660 4 6	382 9 6	1,499 4 3	319 4 7	19,432 6 11	65,795 0 6	248 0 6	65,547 0 0	.....
Patna	986 7 9	154 14 10	1,141 6 7	1,016 14 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	*c* 1,016 14 10	124 7 9	.....	124 7 9	.....
Saran	5,022 0 10	1,829 3 10	6,851 4 8	621 11 0	.....	.....	.....	31 0 0	652 11 0	6,198 9 8	557 13 9	5,640 11 11	.....
Gya	1,224 14 9	176 11½ 3	1,401 10 0	.....	213 12 2	.....	.....	.....	213 12 2	1,187 13 10	.....	1,187 13 10	.....
Shahabad	7,652 2 1	21,612 4 11	29,264 7 0	711 10 3	290 5 1	65 13 0	106 7 6	122 13 2	1,297 1 0	27,967 6 0	8 12 11	27,958 9 1	.....
Durbhunga	.....	2,596 9 2	2,596 9 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,596 9 2	.....	2,596 9 2	.....
Tirhoot	12,08,851 5 3	69,851 3 4	12,78,702 8 7	24,306 9 6	15,945 0 4	1,313 4 3	354 13 0	1,260 8 3	43,180 3 4	12,35,522 5 3	16,484 3 6	12,19,038 1 9	.....
Monghyr						Statement returned and not received back yet.							
Bhagulpore	30,663 2 8	14,253 15 6	44,917 2 2	9,396 4 9	.....	6,070 3 6	77 2 0	.....	15,543 10 3	29,373 7 11	434 10 5	28,938 13 6	.....
Purneah	33,460 10 0	5,472 8 7	38,933 2 7	2,063 1 8	3,660 6 0	446 4 3	.....	6,208 7 5	12,383 3 4	26,549 15 3	58 5 10½	26,491 9 4½	664 4 3
Balasore	11 7 3	1 14 0	13 5 3	13 5 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 5 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazareebagh	4,671 7 11	11,846 9 1	16,518 1 0	3,300 11 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,300 11 6	13,217 5 6	193 1 6	13,024 4 0	61 11 3
Lohardugga	44,240 5 4	5,987 7 5½	50,227 12 9½	2,296 4 8	265 5 2	497 4 10	3,167 7 5	2,984 6 9	9,207 12 10	41,019 15 11½	7,062 6 4½	33,957 9 7	.....
Manbhoom	.....	391 4 6	391 4 6	.....	.....	.....	70 0 0	.....	70 0 0	321 4 6	.....	321 4 6	.....
Total ...	16,87,472 9 7½	4,06,222 12 7	20,93,695 6 2½	2,02,626 13 8½	34,712 10 3	11,688 1 6	7,557 14 6	20,611 13 6	2,77,197 5 5½	18,16,498 0 9	32,997 4 6	17,83,500 12 3	1,085 15 6

a. The discrepancy is owing to some mistake in the last year's statement.
b. Net balance after deduction of remission.
c. Besides this, a sum of Rs. 60-11-9 was paid in Court.

(PAUPER SUITS)

Statement of percentages under clause 12, *section* 4, *chapter III, of the Board's Rules, for the year* 1875-76.

DISTRICTS.	Dues outstanding at the end of the year next preceding year under report.	Amount of decrees of which execution has been taken out during the year under report.	Total dues.	Decrees realized in full before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 75 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 50 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which 25 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Decrees of which less than 25 per cent. has been realized before the end of the year under report.	Total collections during the year under report.	Balance due.	Deduct amount remitted.	Net balance.	Amount paid to collecting officers during the year under report.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	2,681 5 2	1,152 2 6	3,833 7 8	627 12 0	.....	426 2 11	9 0 0	5 0 0	1,067 14 11	2,765 8 9	.....	2,765 8 9	212 9 3
Bankoora	1,021 15 3	485 14 3	1,507 13 6	47 6 2	21 12 0	.....	.....	22 3 10	91 6 0	1,416 7 6	343 12 0	1,072 11 6	9 8 0
Beerbhoom	a926 7 3	1,234 7 3	2,160 14 6	236 12 9	54 1 0	.....	.....	8 2 0	292 15 9	1,867 14 9	600 15 6	1,266 15 3	d211 3 7
Midnapore	a12,503 7 4	3,360 9 3	15,864 0 7	881 15 0	246 7 0	.....	80 15 0	28 10 0	1,237 15 0	14,626 1 7	.....	14,626 1 7	241 13 0
Hooghly	a6,107 7 0	3,484 11 6	9,592 2 6	371 0 6	18 0 0	101 4 0	602 3 3	213 3 0	1,305 10 9	8,286 7 9	.....	8,286 7 9	.....
24-Pergunnahs	a9,737 2 3	4,865 11 0	14,102 13 3	1,875 2 0	37 0 0	903 9 9	194 4 0	176 15 3	3,186 15 0	10,915 14 3	4,725 9 3	6,190 5 0	874 8 10
Nuddea	a2,278 8 0	1,671 2 6	3,949 10 6	335 8 3	.....	.....	25 0 0	28 8 0	389 0 3	3,560 10 3	.....	3,560 10 3	b104 1 4
Jessore	a4,112 7 0	1,876 3 0	5,988 10 0	139 2 0	25 3 0	103 8 0	137 3 0	56 15 9	461 15 9	5,526 10 3	3,073 13 3	2,452 13 0	76 11 10
Moorshedabad	13,318 1 9	2,285 8 0	15,603 9 9	1,622 14 9	700 0 0	.....	50 0 0	57 13 0	2,430 11 9	13,172 14 0	.....	13,172 14 0	140 0 0
Dinagepore	.....	458 0 6	458 0 6	.....	278 0 6	.....	.....	.....	278 0 6	180 0 0	.....	180 0 0	.....
Maldah	.....	58 0 0	58 0 0	58 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye...	a1,056 11 0	1,194 12 0	2,251 7 0	726 5 0	.....	.....	.....	1,273 3 3	1,999 8 3	251 14 9	.....	251 14 9	.....
Rungpore	491 3 6	303 0 0	794 3 6	303 0 0	.....	.....	.....	21 0 0	324 0 0	470 3 6	52 7 0	417 12 6	d133 11 0
Pubna	2,952 10 3	97 5 9	3,050 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 12 0	11 12 0	3,038 4 0	.....	3,038 4 0	.....
Julpigoree	.....	1,039 9 9	1,039 9 9	1,039 9 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,039 9 9	.....	.....	.....	207 14 9
Dacca	a3,485 15 9	3,023 0 11	6,459 0 8	922 14 10	157 0 0	.....	41 13 0	107 15 0	1,229 10 10	5,229 5 10	.....	5,229 5 10	.....
Backergunge	3,199 11 6	347 9 0	3,547 4 6	76 12 9	.....	.....	192 7 9	14 0 0	283 4 6	3,264 0 0	.....	3,264 0 0	112 0 0
Mymensingh	a1,430 14 9	488 1 6	1,919 0 3	70 8 6	.....	.....	.....	9 0 0	79 8 6	1,839 7 9	.....	1,839 7 9	15 14 5
Tipperah	a400 11 9	2,519 8 0	2,920 3 9	99 5 6	.....	343 0 0	.....	53 8 0	495 13 6	2,424 6 3	.....	2,424 6 3	.....
Noakholly	e93 10 0	296 14 3	390 8 3	89 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 4 0	301 4 3	.....	301 4 3	4 4 0
Chittagong	3,770 0 0	624 1 0	4,394 1 0	468 10 3	.....	23 4 6	.....	170 0 0	661 14 9	3,732 2 3	2,233 6 9	1,498 11 6	.....
Patna	a166 12 0	9 0 0	175 12 0	26 8 0	.....	.....	.....	5 6 8	31 14 8	143 13 4	.....	143 13 4	.....
Sarun	c3,390 0 2	2,192 12 0	5,582 12 2	130 12 0	.....	.....	28 0 0	2 4 0	161 0 0	5,421 12 2	1,409 0 0	4,012 12 2	.....
Durbhunga	.....	1,007 4 9	1,007 4 9	.....	96 1 3	.....	.....	.....	96 1 3	911 3 6	.....	911 3 6	.....
Gya	3,780 13 0	1,173 4 10	4,954 1 10	486 11 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	486 11 10	4,467 6 0	2,665 1 0	1,802 5 0	79 12 8
Shahabad	235 8 0	334 0 0	569 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 8 0	37 8 0	532 0 0	.....	532 0 0	.....
Mozufferpore	f11,977 4 6	391 0 0	12,368 4 6	293 15 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	293 15 9	12,074 4 9	.....	12,074 4 9	.....
Bhagulpore	25 11 9	21 1 0	46 12 9	21 1 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 1 0	25 11 9	.....	25 11 9	.....
Purneah	157 4 0	570 0 0	727 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 12 0	23 12 0	703 8 0	157 4 0	546 4 0	.....
Balasore	234 2 3	94 2 0	328 4 3	12 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 0 0	316 4 3	222 2 3	94 2 0	.....
Hazareebagh	878 0 3	861 3 6	1,739 3 9	231 6 0	279 4 6	.....	56 15 3	44 0 0	611 9 9	1,127 10 0	.....	1,127 10 0	113 8 3
Lohardugga	c2,509 7 9	314 4 0	2,823 11 9	633 4 9	1,400 0 0	115 4 0	.....	30 0 0	2,178 8 9	645 3 0	.....	645 3 0	.....
Manbhoom	3,624 4 1	2,071 3 0	5,695 7 1	23 7 0	73 0 0	72 4 0	.....	90 13 0	259 8 0	5,435 15 1	1,142 13 0	4,293 2 1	b189 12 0
Total ...	95,997 9 8	39,905 7 0	1,35,903 0 3	11,345 2 4	3,385 13 3	2,088 5 2	1,417 13 3	2,491 8 9	21,228 10 9	1,14,674 5 6	16,626 4 0	98,048 1 6	2,727 4 11

a. Net balance after remission.
b. This includes percentage due on realization of previous years.
c. Amount awarded on the collections of 1874-75 and 1875-76.
d. This includes percentage on recoveries of previous years.
e The discrepancy of two annas was on account of a mistake in the last year's statement.
f. The discrepancy is owing to Rs. 980-6-5 having been transferred to Durbhunga.

Regr. No. 12255—188—18-12-76.

JUDICIAL.

CALCUTTA, THE 15TH JANUARY 1877.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Annual Report on the civil litigation of Government during the year 1875-76.

Read again—

The Report for the previous year, with the orders of Government passed thereon.

The present is the first report submitted direct to Government by the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs in accordance with the revised arrangements which have been recently carried out, whereby the supervision and control hitherto exercised by the Board of Revenue has been dispensed with, and the Legal Remembrancer has been placed under the immediate orders of the Government. As the change was not introduced till the close of the last financial year, the work of the office was carried on under the general directions of the Board throughout the whole period under review.

2. The following table shews the general results of the civil suits disposed of during the year, and the number pending at its close:—

	Original Suits.					Appeals.				
	Total cases for disposal.	Decided in favor of Government or Ward.	Decided against Government or Ward.	Compromised.	Pending.	Total cases for disposal.	Decided in favor of Government or Ward.	Decided against Government or Ward.	Compromised or remanded.	Pending.
Government cases	598	206	27	24	341	184	47	13	22	102
Wards' cases	1,912	1,407	277	87	141	383	144	48	25	166
Total ...	2,510	1,613	304	111	482	567	191	61	47	268

3. The number of original suits instituted and of appeals filed during the year under review, as compared with those of the previous year, is shewn in the subjoined statement:—

	1875-76.			1874-75.		
	Original suits.	Appeals.	Total.	Original suits.	Appeals.	Total.
Government cases	470	123	593	273	82	355
Wards' cases	1,774	283	2,057	1,563	203	1,766
Total ...	2,244	406	2,650	1,836	285	2,121

4. The figures for 1874-75 include suits appertaining to certain districts under the Assam Government. These have been excluded from the returns of the past year, but, notwithstanding this, a large increase is shewn in the number of suits and appeals instituted. In Monghyr alone no less than 235 original suits, in which Government was a party, were instituted against seven only in the previous year. In Mymensingh, similarly, 22 appeals were filed either for or against Government against only two in 1874-75.

Turning to cases in which the Court of Wards was interested, 246 and 139 original suits are reported to have been filed in the 24-Pergunnahs and Midnapore districts respectively, as against 12 and 3 suits only in the previous year. As regards appeals in such cases, 34 were filed in Chittagong against 18 in 1874-75; and in Midnapore, where there were no appeals in that year, no less than 137 were filed during the year under review. The causes of these fluctuations have not been in every case sufficiently explained.

5. The account given in the report of the litigation in which Government was interested during the year is favourable, and creditable to the judgment and skill of all the officers who have been entrusted with the conduct of suits. The general results, as regards both original and appellate suits, shew that 86 per cent. of the cases were decided in favor of Government against 72 per cent. in 1874-75, and 76 per cent. in 1873-74. Looking to the detailed results before the several grades of tribunals, it is observed that, in the courts of original jurisdiction, 88 per cent. of the cases instituted were successful, and that, in respect of appeals, 88 per cent. were decreed in favor of Government in the High Court, and 74 per cent. in the lower appellate courts.

6. The only case pending before the Privy Council in which Government was a party was decided in its favour. In the High Court, of 25 cases disposed of, 2 only were lost. There is nothing in the circumstances of either of these cases which calls for remark. Of the 11 cases which were lost (out of a total of 57 disposed of) in the lower appellate courts, the adverse decision in one case appears to have been the result of incompetence on the part of a civil court ameen. Four cases had reference to disputed boundaries, and in three of these Government had no direct interest.

7. Of the 257 original cases in which Government was a party, 24 were lost. On a *primâ facie* view of the facts stated, the suit instituted against the Government in the Dinagepore district appears to have been one which ought not to have been defended. The case lost in the Lohardugga district seems to have been instituted without sufficient enquiry. Many of the remaining cases were of a very petty nature, but it is to be remembered that litigation of this kind is very often forced upon Government or its officers. The final result of the litigation in which Mr. Beames, late Deputy Magistrate of Gya, has been involved, should be reported for the information of Government.

8. Although the litigation in cases affecting the Court of Wards was not quite so successful as during the previous year, the results generally were satisfactory. The percentage of cases decided in favor of the wards was 83 in original suits, and 82 and 73 per cent. respectively before the High Court and the lower appellate courts. It is explained by the Legal Remembrancer that the fact of 133 analagous cases having been decided against the Court of Wards in Midnapore has had on unduly unfavorable effect on the returns. The total number of cases which were decided adversely, inclusive of the above number, was 325. In connection with the cases which were lost in Midnapore, the Lieutenant-Governor is glad to notice the very favorable mention which has been made of the tact and judgment displayed by Mr. Harrison, the Collector, in the management of the estate concerned. The case mentioned in the 19th paragraph of the report is important, as pointing to a defect in the Court of Wards' Act, to remedy which steps have since been taken.

9. The small proportion which has been realized out of the sums decreed to Government is, as noticed by the Legal Remembrancer, a very unsatisfactory feature in the report. The figures given are as follow:—

	1875-76. Rs.
Amount under realization	5,70,113
Recoverd during the year	13,864
Percentage of recovery	3

Omitting the amount of the decrees obtained against the Port Canning Company, which is being gradually realized, it appears that the total sum due

to Government is Rs. 86,000, of which 16 per cent. only was recovered in the course of the year.

10. As regards sums decreed in favor of the Court of Wards, the recoveries amounted to Rs. 2,77,258 only, out of Rs. 22,30,842, the total sum outstanding. It is explained that much of the balance still unrecovered is of long standing, and was in many cases due before the Court of Wards undertook the management of the estates concerned. Taking the results of the past year alone, they are not unfavourable, as it is shewn that out of a total sum of Rs. 4,37,700 decreed, inclusive of costs and interests, Rs. 2,77,000 were realized.

11. The Lieutenant-Governor is glad to notice that the question of securing better results in the future has received the attention of the Legal Remembrancer. His Honor trusts that, under the instructions issued, local officers will take active measures to realize the balances as far as possible, and where this is found to be impossible, and judgment debtors are ascertained to be without means, the amount due from them should be written off.

12. The Lieutenant-Governor desires that an expression of his thanks may be conveyed to the Collectors and Government Pleaders mentioned in the 30th and 31st paragraphs of the report as deserving of special commendation for the careful manner in which they have prepared cases and conducted them before the courts. The acknowledgments of Government are also due to Mr. O'Kinealy and to Mr. Bell for their able administration of the department during the past year.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the above Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information and guidance.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

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Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 13th September 1877.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the civil litigation in which Government was concerned during 1876-77.

2. I will first notice the cases in appeal before the Privy Council during the year.

3. At the end of last year seven appeals were pending before the Privy Council, and three more were instituted during the year. This gives a total of ten cases. During the year only one case was decided—the case of Rajah Enyat Hossain (defendant) appellant *versus* Rani Rawshun Jehan (plaintiff) respondent. During the pendency of the appeal before the Privy Council, Rani Rawshun Jehan died, and her estate was brought under the management of the Court of Wards, and the manager, on behalf of the Court of Wards, was entered on the record in the place of Rani Rawshun Jehan. The case was decided in our favour on the 18th May 1876, and the appeal dismissed. I ought to mention that this case was through some omission not noticed in last year's report.

4. Since the close of the year two other cases have been decided:—

1st.—The case of Bara Lall Opendra Nath Sahi *versus* the manager under the Court of Wards of the estate of the Maharajah of Chota Nagpore, which has been remanded to the High Court for further inquiry.

2nd.—The case of the manager of the Court of Wards on behalf of Shebo Sundari *versus* Prithee Sing, which was decreed in our favour on the 3rd May 1877.

5. The result of the civil litigation in all the courts of Bengal in which Government was a party, as contrasted with the two previous years, is as follows:—

		1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of Government	...	209	253	252
Ditto against ditto	...	80	40	87
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	31	46	272
Percentage in favour of Government	...	72	86	74

6. In the 87 cases which are entered as having been decided against Government were 19 analogous cases decided by a Moonsiff in Noakholly, and 7 ghatwalee cases from Bankoora. In the 19 analogous cases from Noakholly, a rule has been granted by the High Court calling upon the plaintiff to shew cause why the decision of the Moonsiff should not be set aside. The Bankoora cases, all of an analogous character, arose out of the unsatisfactory state of the law with regard to the power of the Magistrate to dismiss the ghatwals of Bankoora. These cases will be noticed in their proper place: I merely call attention to them now to explain the number of adverse decisions.

If these analogous cases were treated as one case, the number of adverse decisions would be reduced to 60, and the percentage in favour of Government would then be 80 per cent., which is, I think, a very high average.

7. The following is a comparative statement of Government litigation in the High Court:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of Government	28	15	19
Ditto against ditto	6	2	3
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	5	8	9
Percentage in favour of Government	82	88	86

8. These figures exhibit, I think, very favourable results. In reality the figures are even still more favourable. Of the three cases which are entered as decided against Government, one was really decided in our favour; the second was a case in which Government was in no way concerned; and the third arose out of an order of a civil court regarding the costs of a pauper suit.

9. The first case was that of Haran Chunder Mozoomdar *versus* Mr. Kimber, Executive Engineer, Cossye Division, in which the plaintiff sued to recover the sum of Rs. 5,362, which he alleged was due to him on account of work done under contract, and for damages for the breach of that contract. On the part of Government it was contended that the plaintiff had not performed the conditions of his contract; but, as the officers of the Public Works Department admitted that Rs. 369-14 were due to the plaintiff, the Subordinate Judge gave a decree for that amount. On appeal the High Court upheld the decision of the lower court, but awarded an extra sum of Rs. 250 for turfing and dressing, the claim of the plaintiff being, however, in the main dismissed.

10. The second case was that of Issur Chunder Ghose *versus* the Chairman of the North Suburban Municipality, in which the Government was in no way concerned. The action was brought against the Municipality for illegally distraining the plaintiff's property. The illegality consisted in breaking open the outer door of the plaintiff's dwelling-house to attach property in satisfaction of a municipal debt, and the High Court awarded to the plaintiff the sum of Rs. 332-8 as damages for this illegal act of trespass.

11. The third case was that of Doyal Kissen Dutt *versus* Collector of 24-Pergunnahs, and arose out of an order passed by the civil court with regard to the costs in a pauper suit. It appears that a pauper brought a suit against the plaintiff Doyal Kissen, and obtained a decree for Rs. 1,916, which amount was duly deposited by the plaintiff in court. The sum of Rs. 159-8 being due to the Government from the pauper for stamp fees, was paid out of the Rs. 1,916 deposited in court. Upon appeal, the lower court's decision was reversed, and the plaintiff then applied for the refund of the Rs. 159-8 which had been paid away to Government. The Subordinate Judge rejected the application, but on appeal the High Court ordered the refund to be made.

12. The above are the only adverse decisions which were passed on appeal against Government in the High Court.

13. It is unnecessary to refer at any length to the cases decided in favour of Government, but it may not be uninteresting to refer to one or two.

14. Anundo Lal Dass *versus* Government was an appeal from an award made by a compensation court under Act X, 1870. The appellant was the proprietor of the land which has been taken up for the establishment of a Zoological Garden at Alipore. For this land he claimed the sum of Rs. 2,12,548.

The court awarded him the sum of Rs. 98,548. The appellant then appealed to the High Court for the sum of Rs. 1,14,000 which the compensation court had disallowed. As the award under Act X, 1870, was concurred in by both the assessors, it was by law final, and an application was made to the High Court to have the appeal dismissed. The appellant contended that the award was not final, as the assessors, when they gave their oral opinion as required by section 27 of the Act, awarded at the rate of Rs. 40 a cottah compensation for 128-15-1 beegahs of land, instead of for 128-9-1 beegahs. This error in calculation was discovered by the Judge, and the final award under section 34 of the Act, which both assessors signed, was for 128-9-11 beegahs at

the rate of Rs. 40 a cottah. The High Court held that they could not lack behind the award which was final and conclusive, and dismissed the appeal, and a subsequent application by the appellant for leave to appeal to the Privy Council was also rejected.

15. I may here also mention another land compensation case, in which the Port Commissioners were concerned. The Port Commissioners had taken up some land to improve the bank of the river in front of Watson's Press Company, and the court awarded the Press Company, over and above the value of the land, compensation calculated on the loss which the Company would sustain by the imposition of tolls by the Port Commissioners. It appeared to me—and there is no doubt of the law upon the point—that the award was *ultra vires* in taking into consideration inconveniences and losses which were not by law the subject of compensation; and a motion was made in the High Court to have the award on this account set aside. The motion was however rejected, as the learned Judges considered that the sum awarded must be taken to represent the depreciation in the Press Company's property, owing to their being deprived of a free access to the river, and not as compensation for the loss they would sustain by the imposition of tolls.

16. The case of Nobin Kissore Rai *versus* the Collector of Noakholly was also a very important one. The property in dispute was a very valuable chur of 12,000 beeghas in extent in the river Megna. The existence of this chur was first brought to my notice by the report of a case (Nobin Kissore Rai *versus* Jogesh Persad Gangoly) in the 14th *Weekly Reporter*, page 352. From this report it was clear that neither of the litigants had the slightest right to the chur, and I accordingly brought the matter to the notice of the Board of Revenue, and suggested that steps should be taken to assert the right of Government to the land. As Nobin Kissore Rai refused to acknowledge the title of Government to the land, a suit was brought by the Collector of Noakholly to recover possession. The lower court decreed to us the greater portion of the chur, but awarded a small portion to the defendant, on the ground that it was a reformation on the site of one of his contiguous estates. The defendant, Nobin Kissore Rai, appealed to the High Court against this decree, and a cross appeal was filed on the part of Government against that part of the decree which was adverse. The result was that the defendant's appeal was dismissed, and the cross appeal of the Government was decreed, and thus the whole of this valuable chur has now been declared the property of Government.

17. The case of Mr. Beames, referred to in paragraph 7 of the Government Resolution on this office report for the year 1875-76, is still pending in the High Court. The papers of the case have been printed, and the case will be taken up after the holidays.

18. The following gives the result of appeals in which Government was a party decided by the lower appellate courts:—

Government Appeals.

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of Government ...	36	32	82
Ditto against ditto ...	61	11	10
Compromised or remanded ...	5	14	7
Percentage in favour of Government ...	69	74	89

19. The above figures show an unusually large percentage of cases decided in favour of Government.

20. I do not think it necessary to give in detail a history of the 10 cases decided against Government. The majority of them were cases of little or no importance, and are quite unworthy of notice: I shall therefore merely mention the following case:—

Government (defendant) appellant vs. Rughoobur Sing and others (plaintiffs) respondents.

This was a case in which in reality Government had no concern. It arose entirely out of the action of the Sasseram Town Committee, who had ordered a long-established golah to be closed, on the ground that it was held on Government land and interfered with a new bazar which they had

established. The plaintiffs claimed a prescriptive right of buying and selling at that golah. To this suit Government was most unnecessarily made a party, and a decree was given against Government on account of the illegal action of the Sasseram Town Committee. Against this order an appeal was preferred to the Judge, but the Judge upheld the Moonsiff's decision, on the ground, apparently, that the Government was liable, as it claimed to be the owner of the land. The correctness of this decision was more than doubtful; for clearly the Government is in no way responsible for the action of town committees, and what was stated in a written statement could clearly constitute no cause of action; but it seemed to me that it was not desirable to carry this case further, and I suggested to the Commissioner that the Sasseram Town Committee should cancel their order with regard to the golah, as it was an order which, in my opinion, they were not justified in making. This I believe was done, and thus the case ends.

21. The following is the result of original cases:—

Government Cases.

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of Government ...	145	206	151
Ditto against ditto ...	58	27	74
Compromised or withdrawn ...	21	24	256
Percentage in favour of Government	71	88	67

22. I have already explained (paragraph 6) that it is owing to 19 analogous cases at Noakholly, and 7 analogous cases at Bankoora, being included in the 74 adverse decisions, that the percentage of favourable cases is lower this year than usual.

23. The particulars of the Noakholly cases are as follow:—

24. Chur Durvesh is a Government estate in the district of Noakholly, which was leased out in temporary settlements up to the year 1281. During the period of these temporary settlements, the settlement-holder created a number of howladari tenures intermediate between himself and the ryots. On the 29th September 1875 the settlement-holder refused to accept the settlement for 1282, upon which the estate was thrown upon the hands of the Collector, who issued, on the 2nd October 1875, notifications to the ryots to withhold all payment of rent for 1282 until further orders. The Collector, after due inquiry, considering that the howladari tenures terminated with the lease of the settlement-holder, and that no one had a preferential claim to settlement, determined to conclude the settlement with the ryots direct. Upon this the howladars petitioned the settlement officer to recognize the validity of their tenures, and to conclude the settlement with them, but their petitions the Deputy Collector rejected. Eventually, on the 12th June, the Commissioner authorized the settlement to be made with the ryots, and a number of howladars thereupon instituted suits under section 15 of Act XIV of 1859 for recovery of possession of the lands covered by their howlas before the Moonsiff of Soodharam.

It was objected on the part of Government that a suit under section 15 would not lie, as the dispossession alleged was caused by an order of the Deputy Collector made while conducting a settlement under Regulation VII of 1822, and the howladars, if dispossessed, were dispossessed by due course of law.

The Moonsiff of Soodharam, for reasons recorded in his judgment, decreed all the cases, 19 in number, against the Government. Subsequently I obtained a rule from the High Court, calling upon the howladars to show cause why the Moonsiff's order should not be set aside. This rule is still pending.

25. Of the seven Bankoora ghatwalee cases which were decided adversely to Government I need say but little, as the circumstances connected with the Bankoora ghatwals has formed the subject of a special correspondence. During the year 1872 a large number of ghatwals were dismissed from their offices, and deprived of their lands, for causes for which the civil court holds that they were not liable to be dismissed, and a large number of cases have been, and are being, instituted by these dismissed ghatwals for the

recovery of their offices and land. Disputes between the ghatwals and the executive officers arose out of a very proper desire on the part of the Magistrate to turn these ghatwals to better account as a police force; but, in doing this, duties which were not recognized at the time of the permanent settlement were required of them, and upon their demurring to perform these duties they were dismissed. When the act of the Magistrate was questioned in the civil courts, it was found impossible to prove what the precise nature of the ghatwals' duties were. Their origin is indeed almost lost in a remote antiquity, and until their duties, privileges, and responsibilities are clearly defined by a legislative enactment, it is impossible to hope for any efficient service. The Magistrate is, however, doing his best to settle amicably what cases he can; for, in the present state of uncertainty as to the ghatwals' duties, it is almost impossible to support a sentence of dismissal passed on a ghatwal for neglect of duty.

26. These cases are connected with an estate in which we have been, and still are, involved in a considerable amount of litigation, and it is litigation of a most vexatious kind. Pergunnah Doro Dumna is a temporarily settled estate in the district of Midnapore. The revenue of the estate was largely in arrears, and, to liquidate this arrear, the estate was under Regulation IX, 1825, section 4, taken under the khas management of the Collector. Upon taking charge of the estate the Collector found that there were heavy arrears due from ryots to the proprietor, and these arrears the Collector collected and carried to the proprietor's credit in the collectorate books. In realizing these arrears the Collector had in many cases to issue certificates under Bengal Act VII, 1868. The ryots generally paid without demur, for there was no dispute as to the rents being due. Some two years after the rents had been paid, it seems to have dawned upon the ryots that the Collector had no authority to collect under the certificate process rents which were due not to Government, but to the proprietor, and they accordingly sued the Government for a refund of the moneys so paid. The two cases noted in the margin were cases of this description, and were decided against Government, on the ground that the arrears so collected were not public demands, and were therefore not recoverable under the Certificate Act. Since the decision of these cases, a number of other suits have been brought against Government; but I trust that this vexatious litigation has now been effectually stopped. The zemindar has formally assigned to Government the arrears of rent due to him from the ryots in payment of the demand against himself, and when now sued we are able to set up the assignment under which the Collector is able to give a valid acquittance for the rents: I also instructed the Collector in the cases we have lost to sue at once in the zemindar's name for the recovery of the rent for which the refund had been ordered, attaching the money ordered to be refunded pending the decision of the case. No recent suit for refunds have been reported, so I trust that the ryots, finding that they cannot evade the payment of their just dues, will institute no more vexatious suits of this nature. These cases were reported to Government by the Board in their letter No. 452A, dated 22nd May 1877.

Bepin Behary Sing vs. Government, and Nondo Koomar Dutt vs. Government.

27. The cases noted in the margin were suits for the refund of the surplus sale proceeds of estates sold for arrears of revenue. In each case the Collector refused to pay the money in deposit to the plaintiffs, as they were not the registered proprietors of the estates. A great many suits—and I think a great many unnecessary suits—are yearly brought for the recovery of these surplus sale proceeds, because, as a rule, Collector will only pay to a registered proprietor, and any other person but a registered proprietor is therefore obliged to go to the civil court and establish his right to the money, and obtain an order upon the Collector to pay it. The new Bengal Registration (Act VII of 1876), by compelling the owners of estates to register their names on the collectory towjee, will, I hope, remove this difficulty in future years.

Srimati Chyamras Chowdhrain vs. Government, and Changree Chowdhrain vs. Government.

28. The year under review has been singularly free from litigation with respect to the Public Works Department. During the year only twelve suits in connection with the department were instituted. Considering the large

operations which are being prosecuted in Bengal in connection with irrigation canals and State railways, and considering also that public works to a greater or less extent are being carried on in every district of Bengal, it is a subject of congratulation that there are so few disputes which have to be settled by the civil courts.

29. I notice the case in the margin, not on account of its importance, but as being one of the few land acquisition cases which have come under my notice during the year. The system which has hitherto been pursued with regard to these land acquisition cases is to my mind a most unsatisfactory one. They are conducted by the local officers without any reference to my office. The case under notice, for instance, was not reported in my office; it was merely entered in the Government Pleader's annual return as an adverse decision, because the court had awarded a larger amount of compensation than that offered by the Collector. Now land compensation cases are as a rule very simple. It is seldom that any question of law is involved in a land acquisition case; the Collector has only as a rule to give evidence as to the market value of the land. But I have seen cases in which no attempt has been made to give any evidence at all, and the consequence is that disastrous awards are very often given against the Government; for if the Collector gives no evidence, the court must decide on the evidence given by the claimant. Some Collectors, however, seem to think that the Judge and the assessors are to act on their own personal knowledge without any reference to the evidence given before them. To remove this misapprehension, the Board of Revenue, at my suggestion, have recently added the following rule to their land acquisition series:—

Government vs. *Nundokisore Lall.*

"When a reference has been made by the Collector under section 15 to the court, the Collector should defend the case exactly as he would a Government suit. The claimant in such cases is to be regarded as the plaintiff, and the Government as defendant, and it is the duty of the Collector to see that evidence is forthcoming to shew the fairness of the amount which he was willing to give as compensation. As soon as the claimant files his written statement in the case in court, the Government Pleader should apply to the court for a copy of it for the information of the Collector, to enable the Collector to meet the case set up by the plaintiff with suitable evidence. The Collector must remember that the court will decide on the evidence before it what amount of compensation is to be given, and he must therefore be prepared with reliable evidence at the trial. In important cases he should consult the Legal Remembrancer as in ordinary civil suits."

30. I hope that this rule will be productive of good results: for, though I think the courts generally favour a claimant in a land acquisition case, still it can only be through the fault of the Collector or the Government Pleader when an exaggerated award is given against the Government.

31. The other cases do not call for any special notice.

32. The result of the Court of Wards' cases, as contrasted with the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of wards	1,316	1,551	1,884
Ditto against ditto	252	325	275
Compromised and remanded	145	112	82
Percentage in favour of wards	84	83	87

33. These figures show, I think, most satisfactory results. Nothing could speak more strongly for the manner in which Court of Wards' cases are looked after than the fact that 87 per cent. of the cases were decided in favour of the Court of Wards.

34. The following gives the result of the High Court appeals in connection with Wards' estates:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of wards	19	28	19
Ditto against ditto... ...	17	6	12
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	18	7	11
Percentage in favour of wards	53	82	61

35. Of the 12 cases decided against the Court of Wards, two were appeals which were filed in the High Court before the estate came under the management of the Court of Wards. The other appeals may be accounted for as follows:—Five were special appeals in connection with the estate of the minor Rajah of Jhargram. The nature of these appeals is given at large at paragraph 17 of last year's report.

36. In addition to the five appeals which were decided by the High Court, there were 132 analogous appeals pending in the court of the District Judge; but these 132 appeals were not further prosecuted, as it was agreed by both sides, in order to save further litigation, that these appeals should be governed by the result of the High Court appeals.

37. Was an appeal in connection with the Port Canning Municipality. Certain permanent leases were granted under a mistake by the Chairman of the Municipality to certain ryots in the Sunderbuns lot No. 54. The circumstances under which these leases were granted were reported to Government, and by the orders of Government, dated 23rd November 1871, the leases were cancelled. In the present appeal the High Court held that, as the Chairman in granting the leases had been misled by the misrepresentation of his own servants, and as it was not proved that the appellant was a party to the fraud, it was not open to the Chairman to cancel the leases.

Kabulram Mundle vs. Port Canning Municipality and another.

38. Another appeal arose out of the execution of a decree, and turned upon the construction of Article 167 of Schedule I, Act IX, 1871, the court holding that no application, except an application under section 212 of Act VIII, 1859, is sufficient to keep a decree in force. I brought this and several other similar decisions to the notice of Government in my remarks on the new Limitation Bill, and the legislature have, in the new Act (XV of 1877), expressly provided that any step in aid of execution of the decree, and not merely applications under section 212, are sufficient to keep decrees in force.

Bama Sundari Chowdhrain, judgment-debtor appellant vs. Maharajah of Cooch Behar (decree-holder) respondent.

39. The remaining cases do not call for any particular remark.

40. The following is a comparative statement of Court of Wards' cases decided by the lower appellate courts:—

		1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of wards ...	...	76	116	107
Ditto against ditto ...	...	60	42	32
Compromised, remanded, &c.	...	5	18	12
Percentage in favour of wards	...	56	73	75

41. This return is, I think, very favourable. I ought, however, to add that I have not included in the cases decided against the Court of Wards the 132 appeals in connection with the Jhargram estate which were pending before the Judge of Midnapore, and which were not further prosecuted after the decision of the High Court in the analogous cases as explained above in paragraph 36.

42. The following is a comparative statement of the original suits in connection with the Wards' estates:—.

		1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of wards	...	1,221	1,407	1,758
Ditto against ditto	...	175	277	99
Compromised, or remanded, &c.	...	122	87	59
Percentage in favour of wards	...	87	83	94

43. The percentage of decisions in favour of the Court of Wards is unusually high, and is owing to the fact, as explained in paragraph 12 of last year's report, that rent suits are now exhibited in the returns. Out of the 1,758 suits decided last year in favour of the Court of Wards, 1,521 were rent suits, and in the 99 unfavourable decisions 46 rent suits are included. If these rent suits, which are generally conducted without reference to this office, were deducted, the percentage of civil suit decisions in favour of the Court of Wards would be 82 per cent.

44. The following gives the result of Government and Court of Wards' decrees recovered during the year under report, as compared with the two preceding years:—

Government Decrees.

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	5,41,330	5,70,113	6,36,048
Recovered during the year ...	29,915	13,864	71,564
Percentage of recovery ...	5½	3	11¼

45. These figures, though showing a considerable improvement on last year's returns, at first sight appear far from favourable. But I explained in my last year's report (paragraph 22) that the sum of Rs. 5,70,113, which was under realization last year, included the sum of Rs. 4,84,000 due to Government under a decree against the Canning Municipality. This year this decree, with the addition of interest, amounted to Rs. 5,40,000, and we realized, from the lands of the Municipality, which have been for several years under attachment to satisfy this decree, the sum of Rs. 20,742—a sum considerably less than the interest which has accrued during the year on the decree. To estimate rightly the work of the year, we must exclude from the figures this decree, and the above sum of Rs. 20,742 which has been realized on account of it. The following figures will then give a correct statement of the work of the year. To contrast the work of the year with the two previous years, the Port Canning decree has been in each omitted:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	39,131	86,113	96,048
Recovered during the year	11,915	13,864	50,822
Percentage of recovery	30	17	53

46. These figures show a very considerable improvement over last year. Indeed this year's percentage is the highest percentage that has ever been reached in the execution of Government decrees. At the same time, though the aggregate result is not unfavourable, there is still room for great improvement in many districts.

47. The outstanding balances are highest in the following districts:—

Bankoora, Rs. 5,385.—The Collector explains that of this amount Rs. 190 have been realized since the close of the year, and that Rs. 4,526 have been recommended to the Board of Revenue for remission as irrecoverable, the judgment debtors possessing no property.

Hooghly, Rs. 6,346.—The Hooghly Collector has given no explanation of this large balance, and has been asked for an explanation.

Mozufferpore, Rs. 6,591.—The Collector says that this amount is due from a person who has no property, and the amount therefore cannot be realized.

Shahabad, Rs. 7,944.—Out of this amount, Rs. 7,393 is on account of a decree against which an appeal has been filed, and pending the appeal no steps have been taken to realize the decree.

Manbhoom, Rs. 7,464.—The Deputy Commissioner says that the greater portion of this balance is due by one debtor whose property has been attached, and the rest is under process of recovery.

Wards' Decrees.

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	19,42,423	22,30,842	25,15,075
Recovered during the year ...	2,00,255	2,77,258	3,48,945
Percentage of recovery ...	10	12	14

48. The remarks which I made in paragraph 25 of last year's report are equally applicable to the figures of the present year. The bulk of these large outstanding balances consist of debts which have been due to the several estates for years, and it is almost useless to contrast the realization made during one year with balances which have accumulated during many years.

49. A much better mode of comparison is to take the amount decreed and the amount realized during the year. Taking this standard of comparison, the figures will be as follows:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount decreed during the year ...	14,08,327	4,88,674	5,69,834
Realized during the year ...	2,00,255	2,77,258	3,48,945
Percentage in favour of wards ...	14	57	61

50. The following changes were made in the office of the Government Pleaders during the year under report:—

Shahabad.—Baboo Koilash Chunder Banerjee, M.A. B.L., was appointed in the place of Baboo Rojonikant Banerjee, resigned.

Dinagepore.—Baboo Ram Ruttun Patuck, B.L., was appointed in the place of Mohamed Ali, resigned.

51. Of the Collectors whose work has come before me during the year, the following deserve special mention for the careful manner in which their cases have been prepared:—

Mr. Wilson	24-Pergunnahs.
„ Stevens	Nuddea.
„ Hopkinson	Moorshedabad.
„ Mackenzie	Ditto.
Sir W. Herschel	Hooghly.
Mr. Harrison	Midnapore.
„ Larminie	Bankoora.
„ Kemble	Purneah.
„ Taylor	Bhagulpore.
„ Mangles	Patna.
„ Wells	Shahabad.
„ Lyall	Dacca.
„ Barton	Backergunge.

52. Of the Government Pleaders whose work has come before me during the year, I would specially mention the following:—

Baboo Unoda Persad Banerjee, the Senior Government Pleader in the High Court.	
„ Ashootosh Mookerjee	24-Pergunnahs.
„ Ram Chunder Mookerjee	Nuddea.
„ Harihur Mookerjee	Bankoora.
„ Issen Chunder Mitter	Hooghly.
„ Opendro Nath Mitter	Dacca.
„ Shoshee Bhoosen Mookerjee	Bhagulpore.
„ Bhoopsen Sing	Gya.
„ Nobin Chunder Dey	Patna.
„ Kedar Nath Banerjee	Mozufferpore.
„ Banee Madhub Dutt	Julpigoree.
„ Hungshishur Mookerjee	Manbhoom.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

H. BELL,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	13,873 0 0
Zillah appeals	7	2	212 8 0	2	1,510 0 0	.....	.....	3	4,199 13 0
Original suits	19	8	10,489 5 3	3	247 0 0	.....	.....	8	4,456 11 6
Total ...	27	10	10,701 13 3	5	1,757 0 0	.....	.....	12	22,529 8 6

Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	1	3,296 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,148 0 9
Original suits	6	3	2,515 0 0	2	6,000 0 0	.....	.....	1	825 0 0
Total ...	8	4	5,811 4 0	2	6,000 0 0	.....	.....	2	2,973 0 9

Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	3	1	100 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	55 0 0
Original suits	3	2	55 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3,000 0 0
Total ...	6	3	155 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	3,055 0 0

Suits to establish a title to vacant possession, and properties claimed by, or escheated to, Government.

High Court	3	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	121 2 0
Original suits	35	4	2,072 1 6	20	7,492 0 0	1	43 10 0	10	22,319 14 0
Total ...	39	6	2,072 1 6	20	7,492 0 0	1	43 10 0	12	22,441 0 0

Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

None.

Suits for the recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	1	212 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	338 11 0
Original suits	9	2	3,826 7 9	3	13,920 12 3	1	524 15 2	3	3,064 12 3
Total ...	11	3	4,038 7 9	3	13,920 12 3	1	524 15 2	4	3,403 7 3

Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rents, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	4	2	806 10 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	278 12 0
Zillah appeals	3	3	653 2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	16	.....	.....	4	2,404 11 5	4	1,344 6 10	8	589 3 7
Total ...	23	5	1,459 12 6	4	2,404 11 5	4	1,344 6 10	10	867 15 7

Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property, or purchase-money.

High Court	5	.....	.....	1	4,992 13 2	.....	.....	4	17,262 0 0
Zillah appeals	10	5	1,681 13 10	1	1,726 12 6	.....	.....	4	2,460 2 3
Original suits	47	28	11,952 12 4	8	4,713 2 2	2	717 11 0	9	17,040 10 0
Total ...	62	33	13,634 10 2	10	11,432 11 10	2	717 11 0	17	36,762 12 3

Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court	34	8	10,971 6 5	1	.....	6	50,017 8 0	19	3,44,471 8 0
Zillah appeals	79	54	12,598 3 4	6	1,045 6 5	5	1,337 13 0	14	6,950 0 6
Original suits	139	54	91,733 1 3	26	21,564 0 3	8	13,958 11 5	51	1,20,335 11 5
Total ...	252	116	1,15,302 11 0	33	22,609 6 8	19	65,314 0 5	84	4,71,757 3 11

Suits in which Government has been made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4,509 6 0
Zillah appeals	7	6	2,325 6 0	.....	.....	1	273 0 0	.....	.....
Original suits	21	14	1,934 14 0	1	10 0 0	.....	.....	6	9,012 0 10
Total ...	33	20	4,260 4 0	1	10 0 0	1	273 0 0	11	13,521 6 10

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decision.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Remanded, compromised, or withdrawn.	

Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the pleas of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
High Court	2	2	1,071 6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	8	2	24,757 6 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	9,581 10 10
Total ...	10	4	25,828 12 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	9,581 10 10

Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

None.

Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,100 0 0
Total ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,100 0 0

Suits to stay revenue sale or sales in execution of decrees, or sales of property pledged as security.

None.

Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	3	2	.....	.....	.....	1	114 0 0	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	2	57 6 0	1	724 6 3	.....	.....	1	147 0 0
Original suits	13	6	681 9 3	.....	.....	4	231 10 7	3	1,636 12 0
Total ...	20	10	738 15 3	1	724 6 3	5	345 10 7	4	1,783 12 0

Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the civil court has no jurisdiction.

None.

Suits to contest orders reversing sales or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	1	1,600 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7,000 0 0
Total ...	2	1	1,600 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	7,000 0 0

Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	5	.....	.....	1	1,499 12 0	1	3,671 0 0	3	10,349 10 1
Zillah appeals	5	2	1,160 0 0	.....	.....	1	600 0 0	2	1,120 0 0
Original suits	8	5	8,284 5 3	2	4,991 0 0	.....	.....	1	10 0 0
Total ...	18	7	9,444 5 3	3	6,490 12 0	2	4,271 0 0	6	11,479 10 1

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decision.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised or remanded.	

Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.	No.	Rs. A. P.
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,325 0 0	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	239	1	4,50,000 0 0	.....	.....	236	6,599 6 0	2	580 12 7
Total ...	240	1	4,50,000 0 0	.....	.....	237	8,924 6 0	2	580 12 7

Suits for recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or other sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	552 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	2	4,016 1 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	3	3	4,568 5 7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	2	5,483 8 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	2	2	5,483 8 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	274 7 1
Original suits	13	2	424 7 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	1,109 9 6
Total ...	14	2	424 7 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	1,384 0 7

Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt.

High Court	4	2	12,425 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6,021 0 0
Zillah appeals	4	2	305 4 0	.....	.....	1	140 4 0	1	150 0 0
Original suits	18	12	17,040 12 4	4	235 0 0	.....	.....	2	27,285 4 7
Total ...	26	16	29,771 0 4	4	235 0 0	1	140 4 0	5	33,456 4 7

Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	1,393 2 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	2	2	1,393 2 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	2	1	1,14,000 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,750 0 0
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	4	4,494 0 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	6	5	1,18,494 0 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,750 0 0

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1876-77.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEALS.									
Serial number. / Names of Districts.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number of suits instituted from the 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.	Total.	Decided within the year. In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Total.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number instituted from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.	Total.	Decided within the year. In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Total.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remand.	Pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number of cases in which Government was cast twice.
1 High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	34	69	19	3	22	1	1	7	38	...
2 Burdwan ...	9	8	17	5	7	12	4	...	1	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
3 Bankoora ...	11	27	38	11	7	18	1	...	19	...	5	5	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	...
4 Beerbhoom ...	2	3	5	3	1	4	...	...	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...
5 Midnapore ...	9	19	28	4	4	8	6	...	14	6	2	8	5	1	6	...	...	...	2	...
6 Hooghly ...	4	2	6	4	...	4	2	...	...	1	2	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...
7 24-Pergunnahs ...	...	10	10	4	1	5	...	...	5	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
8 Nuddea ...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9 Jessore ...	...	3	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10 Moorshedabad ...	...	7	7	3	...	3	...	...	4	2	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...
11 Dinagepore ...	1	2	3	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
12 Maldah ...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13 Rajshahye ...	...	6	6	2	1	3	...	...	3	3	1	4	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	1
14 Rungpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15 Pubna ...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16 Bogra ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17 Julpigoree ...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18 Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19 Dacca ...	2	12	14	8	3	11	...	...	3	4	7	11	4	2	6	...	...	1	4	...
20 Furreedpore ...	9	2	11	4	4	8	1	...	2	...	9	9	2	...	2	...	...	...	7	1
21 Backergunge ...	4	11	15	5	1	6	...	...	9	...	3	3	2	...	2	...	...	...	1	...
22 Mymensingh ...	9	6	15	5	6	11	2	...	2	22	4	26	26	...	26	...	...	...	...	...
23 Tipperah ...	*3	5	8	4	...	4	...	...	4	4	...	4	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
24 Chittagong ...	12	22	34	20	3	23	...	...	11	3	5	8	5	...	5	...	...	...	3	...
25 Noakholly ...	5	29	34	2	22	24	...	1	9	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
26 Durbhunga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27 Patna ...	3	2	5	5	...	5	...	...	...	1	1	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...
28 Sarun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29 Gya ...	2	5	7	5	...	5	...	...	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
30 Shahabad ...	†6	13	19	7	5	12	...	...	7	2	7	9	5	1	6	...	...	...	3	1
31 Mozufferpore ...	3	15	18	11	3	14	...	...	4	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
32 Monghyr ...	233	8	241	4	...	4	4	233	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33 Bhagulpore ...	1	10	11	10	...	10	...	...	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...
34 Purneah ...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35 Cuttack ...	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	2	3	1	4	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...
36 Pooree ...	1	1	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37 Balasore ...	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38 Hazareebagh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39 Manbhoom ...	9	25	34	17	...	17	...	...	17	7	3	10	6	1	7	...	...	2	1	1
40 Lohardugga ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	4	2	1	3	...	...	1	...	1
Total ...	339	266	605	151	74	225	22	234	124	102	98*	200	101	13	114	2	1	13	70	5

* The discrepancy is owing to one case having been struck out of the statement, as it was shown in two districts.
† The difference of one case is owing to Government having been removed from the category of defendant by order of the High Court.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.

Division.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.							Nature of Disbursements.						
		Sums awarded in favour of Government in regular suits.	Costs awarded in favour of Government, whether in actions for or against Government.	Costs in Privy Council appeals realized.	Costs in pauper suits realized, exclusive of stamp fees.	Costs in all other cases realized.	All sums otherwise realized in judicial proceedings.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	Amount expended in prosecution of suits.	Amount expended in defence of suits.	Amount expended in Privy Council appeals.	Amount advanced in pauper suits, exclusive of stamp fees.	Miscellaneous disbursements on account of judicial proceedings other than those adverted to.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	.....	20 14 0	.....	226 13 0	.....	.....	247 11 0	99 8 6	181 9 6	1 8 9	.....	139 8 6	.....	422 3 3
	Bankoora ...	.....	204 4 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	204 4 5	44 1 1	.....	1,600 9 4	.....	.....	47 0 8	1,691 10 11
	Beerbhoom ...	1 4 0	5 12 6	.....	9 10 6	.....	.....	16 11 0	.....	32 6 6	79 6 9	.....	68 7 6	10 10 9	190 15 6
	Midnapore ...	774 0 11	93 8 0	.....	1,316 3 6	.....	53 12 4	2,237 8 9	.....	24 1 9	977 15 11	.....	186 5 6	20 12 0	1,209 3 2
	Hooghly ...	.....	867 12 0	.....	229 13 9	.....	.....	1,097 9 9	.....	3,271 9 0	368 10 6	.....	125 13 3	85 9 6	3,851 10 3
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	552 4 0	384 3 10	.....	225 7 9	173 10 3	20,781 2 2	22,116 12 0	.....	.....	282 3 0	.....	505 12 6	617 8 3	1,405 7 9
	Nuddea ...	.....	55 7 10	.....	41 0 0	5 0 6	2 13 10	104 6 2	140 12 0	52 0 3	.....	.....	4 14 0	8 9 9	206 4 0
	Jessore ...	0 5 0	55 10 4	400 0 0	44 1 0	.....	14 5 5	514 5 9	.....	14 12 6	5 6 9	.....	62 10 0	696 4 0	779 1 3
	Moorshedabad ...	30 5 0	82 11 8	.....	33 2 6	.....	.....	146 3 2	.....	320 7 9	153 9 6	.....	106 8 9	.....	580 10 0
	Soonderbuns ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye ...	Dinagepore ...	.....	.....	.....	69 4 3	.....	.....	69 4 3	360 14 0	.....	0 13 9	.....	16 5 0	.....	378 0 9
	Rajshahye ...	.....	284 3 3	.....	90 15 2	14 3 0	40 14 6	430 3 11	.....	159 10 9	452 15 0	.....	24 7 0	15 3 0	652 3 9
	Rungpore ...	.....	5 12 11	.....	183 7 9	.....	.....	189 4 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 4 9	.....	26 4 9
	Bogra ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 9 0	.....	.....	.....	8 0 0	34 9 0
	Pubna ...	.....	9 6 6	.....	63 1 9	.....	.....	72 8 3	14 10 3	820 6 6	.....	.....	43 5 6	149 4 6	1,036 10 9
Cooch Behar ...	Darjeeling ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Julpigoree ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca ...	Dacca ...	.....	193 2 6	.....	124 3 4	.....	.....	317 5 10	.....	12 5 9	406 4 11	.....	178 0 8	5 7 3	602 2 7
	Backergunge ...	.....	2,470 9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,470 9 0	.....	.....	3,637 12 1	.....	30 14 0	.....	3,668 10 1
	Mymensingh ...	72 0 6	40 2 6	.....	107 10 0	.....	1 15 6	221 12 6	986 0 11	347 8 0	521 4 3	.....	79 8 3	.....	1,934 5 5
	Tipperah ...	.....	282 13 0	.....	1 11 0	.....	.....	284 8 0	.....	392 14 0	456 3 6	.....	6 10 0	3 8 3	859 3 9
	Furreedpore ...	.....	205 7 1½	.....	.....	.....	.....	205 7 1½	.....	.....	747 5 0	.....	.....	1,115 10 6	1,862 15 6
Chittagong ...	Chittagong ...	.....	7 10 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 10 6	.....	216 8 5	10 8 9	.....	.....	47 6 9	274 7 11
	Noakholly ...	.....	60 2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 2 6	.....	299 6 6	905 15 0	.....	.....	43 3 0	1,248 8 6
Patna ...	Patna ...	.....	529 13 2	.....	20 0 0	.....	.....	549 13 2	553 0 4	.....	8 4 9	.....	4 1 9	215 2 0	780 8 10
	Mozufferpore ...	57 13 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57 13 3	.....	61 4 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 4 6
	Durbhunga ...	30,483 13 9	71 8 5	.....	13 1 10	422 5 6	920 9 10	31,911 7 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gya ...	.....	309 15 0	.....	101 1 0	.....	.....	411 0 0	.....	217 10 3	37 2 6	.....	2 1 0	0 8 3	257 6 0
	Sarun ...	.....	327 9 0	.....	2,161 0 8	.....	.....	2,488 9 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 10 6	5 2 0	38 12 3
	Shahabad ...	217 5 11	36 9 9	.....	.....	.....	2 8 4	256 8 0	.....	.....	219 5 1	.....	4 0 0	.....	223 5 1
	Chumparun ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore ...	Bhagulpore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 8 0	.....	.....	240 1 3	240 9 3
	Monghyr ...	.....	24 13 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 13 6	449 2 6	.....	1 0 3	.....	.....	*1,061 7 6	1,511 10 3
	Maldah ...	.....	19 11 0	.....	9 13 3	.....	.....	29 8 3	335 7 0	878 15 1	.....	.....	10 5 6	.....	1,224 11 7
	Purneah ...	.....	.....	6,365 10 1	.....	.....	.....	6,365 10 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa, Cuttack ...	Cuttack ...	.....	13 9 7	.....	30 9 6	7 7 9	.....	51 10 10	.....	.....	13 9 7	.....	30 9 6	7 7 9	51 10 10
	Balasore ...	1,498 0 2	407 6 5	.....	21 4 0	.....	.....	1,926 10 7	.....	45 14 6	.....	.....	.....	2 8 3	48 6 9
	Pooree ...	.....	20 0 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 0 6	.....	.....	19 4 6	.....	0 6 0	18 7 0	38 1 6
Chota Nagpore ...	Hazareebagh ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom ...	914 7 3	73 11 9	.....	.....	.....	257 14 0	1,246 1 0	.....	719 0 3	1,064 15 3	.....	.....	.....	1,783 15 6
	Lohardugga ...	334 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	334 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	34,935 15 6	7,164 6 5½	6,765 10 1	5,123 7 6	622 11 0	22,075 15 11	76,688 2 5½	2,983 8 7	8,104 0 9	11,972 10 8	.....	1,690 9 2	4,424 14 0	29,112 11 2

* Fees paid to Government pleader.

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1877.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1876.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.			Total.	Realized during the year 1876-77.	Balance.	Deduct remitted by the order of the Commissioner or other authorities.	Net balance outstanding on the 1st April 1877.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	1. Burdwan	434 3 10	28 13 0	.....	210 7 4	1 12 3	.....	675 4 5	20 14 0	654 6 5	.....	654 6 5
	2. Bankoora	2,967 9 10	1,811 10 7	39 3 6	418 6 6	341 15 10	15 4 0	5,594 2 3	204 4 5	5,389 13 10	4 0 9	5,385 13 1
	3. Beerbhoom	*577 9 2	0 0 10	11 15 9	5 0 0	.....	5 9 3	600 3 0	7 0 6	593 2 6	29 10 6	563 8 0
	4. Midnapore	1,435 2 3	224 2 6	215 11 9	32 12 2	131 8 4	21 7 9	2,060 12 9	921 5 3	1,139 7 6	14 4 0	1,125 3 6
	5. Hooghly	.....	.....	427 0 6	.....	.....	6,803 4 9	7,235 5 3	867 12 0	6,367 9 3	21 0 3	6,346 9 0
Presidency	6. 24-Pergunnahs	4,46,223 13 4	38,909 8 6	31 3 0	166 5 10	55,841 5 0	72 9 9	5,41,244 13 5	21,891 4 3	5,19,353 9 2	.....	5,19,353 9 2
	7. Nuddea	55 7 10	.....	.....	.....	2 13 10	5 0 6	63 6 2	63 6 2	.....	.....	.....
	8. Jessore	.....	1 0 6	1,540 11 1	25 0 0	13 4 11	34 3 3	1,614 3 9	470 4 9	1,143 15 0	.....	1,143 15 0
	9. Moorshedabad	30 5 0	.....	61 10 2	.....	.....	34 2 0	126 1 2	113 0 8	13 0 6	.....	13 0 6
	10. Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	11. Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	12. Rajshahye	.....	29 3 3	315 9 3	.....	11 11 3	116 7 0	472 14 9	339 4 9	133 10 0	97 14 0	35 12 0
	13. Rungpore	.....	.....	5 12 11	.....	.....	.....	5 12 11	5 12 11	.....	.....	.....
	14. Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	15. Pubna	.....	.....	920 14 11	.....	0 3 0	15 1 9	936 3 8	9 6 6	926 13 2	.....	926 13 2
Cooch Behar	16. Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	17. Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	18. Dacca	986 1 6	404 15 0	89 1 9	174 11 9	113 12 5	24 7 3	1,793 1 8	193 2 6	1,599 15 2	.....	1,599 15 2
	19. Backergunge	.....	.....	2,470 9 0	.....	.....	599 7 8	3,070 8 8	2,470 9 0	599 7 8	.....	599 7 8
	20. Mymensingh	.....	.....	.....	594 14 6	49 0 0	46 5 3	690 3 9	114 2 6	576 1 3	.....	576 1 3
	21. Tipperah	.....	.....	.....	1,274 4 0	9 3 3	19 6 0	1,302 13 3	282 13 0	1,020 0 3	.....	1,020 0 3
	22. Furreedpore	.....	.....	40 10 10½	.....	.....	312 12 9	353 7 7½	205 7 1½	148 0 6	.....	148 0 6
Chittagong	23. Chittagong	.....	.....	.....	74 4 9	.....	.....	74 4 9	7 10 6	66 10 3	.....	66 10 3
	24. Noakholly	44 10 3	0 3 6	7 4 3	66 7 0	0 14 3	8 13 9	128 5 0	60 2 6	68 2 6	.....	68 2 6
Patna	25. Patna	435 5 7	1 9 2	4 7 6	.....	18 6 8	324 4 7	784 1 6	529 13 2	254 4 4	.....	254 4 4
	26. Mozufferpore	5,340 2 11	1,161 9 2	89 5 3	57 13 3	.....	.....	6,648 14 7	51 13 3	6,591 1 4	.....	6,591 1 4
	27. Durbhunga	30,483 13 9	920 9 10	71 8 5	.....	.....	483 4 9	31,959 4 9	31,898 5 6	60 15 3	.....	60 15 3
	28. Gya	582 15 5	.....	†304 13 6	49 14 0	16 2 7	11 14 8	965 12 2	309 15 0	655 13 2	.....	655 13 2
	29. Sarun	312 8 0	5 11 8	3 0 0	.....	1 5 4	5 0 0	327 9 0	327 9 3	.....	.....	.....
	30. Shahabad	7,915 3 9	.....	72 11 3	168 13 5	2 3 4	41 7 0	8,200 11 9	256 8 0	7,944 3 9	.....	7,944 3 9
	31. Chumparun	31 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 12 0	.....	31 12 0	.....	31 12 0
Bhagulpore	32. Bhagulpore	1,146 0 0	70 0 0	10 0 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	1,236 0 0	.....	1,236 0 0	.....	1,236 0 0
	33. Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 13 6	24 13 6	24 13 6	.....	.....	.....
	34. Maldah	.....	.....	.....	19 4 2	0 6 10	.....	19 11 0	19 11 0	.....	.....	.....
	35. Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,365 10 1	6,365 10 1	6,365 10 1	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	36. Cuttack	.....	.....	13 9 7	.....	.....	7 7 9	21 1 4	21 1 4	.....	.....	.....
	37. Balasore	1,375 1 0	18 9 1	282 13 2	.....	104 6 9	126 6 9	1,907 4 9	1,905 6 7	1 14 2	.....	1 14 2
	38. Pooree	.....	2 2 10	338 8 9	.....	36 3 8	41 3 9	468 3 0	20 0 6	448 2 6	.....	448 2 6
Chota Nagpore	39. Hazareebagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	40. Manbhoom	699 0 9	11 12 9	30 3 0	7,478 11 9	374 9 0	117 12 0	8,712 1 3	1,246 1 0	7,466 0 3	1 13 3	7,464 3 0
	41. Lohardugga	334 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	334 3 9	334 3 9	.....	.....	.....
	Total	5,01,411 1 11	43,601 10 2	7,448 7 1½	10,827 2 5	57,071 9 6	15,688 11 6	6,36,048 10 7½	71,564 10 11½	5,64,483 15 8	168 10 9	5,64,315 4 11

* The discrepancy is owing to a mistake of double entry in the last year's statement.
† The difference is owing to a mistake of the Government pleader in the last year's statement.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1877.

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I.

Statement showing the number of cases appertaining to the Court of Wards decided and pending in the year 1876-77.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	ORIGINAL SUITS DECIDED.								APPEALS DECIDED.							
DISTRICTS.	Number pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number instituted from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.	Total.	In favour of the Court of Wards.	Against the Court of Wards.	Total decided.	Compromised or withdrawn.	Pending.	Number pending on the 31st March 1876.	Number instituted from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.	Total.	In favour of the Court of Wards.	Against the Court of Wards.	Total.	Compromised or remanded or withdrawn.	Pending.
High Court	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*34	68	102	19	12	31	11	60
Beerbhoom	.....	3	3	2	1	3	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hooghly	.....	83	83	69	2	71	...	13	.....	3	3	...	1	1	...	2
Midnapore	2	15	17	15	2	17	...	...	72	70	142	9	132	141	...	1
Burdwan	4	1	5	1	...	1	...	4	.....	3	3	...	...	...	...	3
24-Pergunnahs ...	11	200	211	204	4	208	1	2	.....	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Nuddea	3	85	88	80	...	86	...	2	5	6	11	4	1	5	...	6
Jessore	1	389	390	376	8	384	5	1	.....	1	1	1	...	1	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	3	57	60	56	2	58	1	1	1	2	3	...	2	2	...	1
Dinagepore	5	6	11	10	1	11	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	3	54	57	42	6	48	4	5	3	5	8	2	1	3	1	4
Rungpore	.....	77	77	73	1	74	1	2	4	1	5	2	2	4	...	1
Bogra	12	48	60	38	4	42	...	18	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	3	4	7	5	1	6	...	1	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	2	3	5	3	1	4	1	...	.....	4	4	4	...	4	...	...
Maldah	.....	59	59	53	3	56	3	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	3	63	66	45	4	49	13	4	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	2	8	10	6	1	7	2	1	†5	7	12	4	5	9	...	...
Purneah	3	2	5	2	3	5	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	‡1	13	14	4	5	9	2	3	4	3	7	3	2	5	1	1
Furreedpore	8	42	50	28	...	28	2	20	.....	6	6	...	1	1	4	1
Mymensingh	§5	95	100	84	7	91	6	3	§3	10	13	4	4	8	2	3
Tipperah	3	38	41	33	4	37	1	3	2	.....	2	2	...	2	...	...
Backergunge	.....	3	3	3	...	3	...	...	.....	2	2	...	...	...	2	...
Chittagong	6	109	115	109	4	113	1	1	‖7	11	18	8	5	13	...	5
Noakholly	¶18	152	170	128	11	139	5	26	.....	17	17	4	3	7	...	10
Patna	5	5	10	6	1	7	1	2	.....	4	4	...	...	...	...	4
Sarun	2	47	49	41	4	45	4	...	2	42	44	37	3	40	...	4
Shahabad	.....	27	27	23	...	23	...	4	8	10	18	12	...	12	...	6
Mozufferpore	13	162	175	123	11	134	1	40	5	6	11	3	...	3	2	6
Durbhunga	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	**1	24	25	14	6	20	...	5	.....	1	1	...	1	1	...	...
Cuttack	3	1	4	1	2	3	1	...	.....	1	1	...	...	...	...	1
Balasore	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	.....	15	15	12	...	12	3	...	.....	5	5	4	1	5	...	...
Manbhoom	4	4	8	6	...	6	...	2	.....	4	4	3	...	3	...	1
Hazareebagh	.....	58	58	57	...	57	1	...	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	126	1,962	2,078	1,758	99	1,857	59	162	155	293	448	126	176	302	23	123

* The discrepancy is owing to a Government case having been included last year with the wards.
† The difference is owing to a mistake in the last year's return.
‡ One of the two cases has been struck out, as the estate has been removed from the hands of the Court of Wards.
§ The discrepancy is owing to two estates having been removed from the Court of Wards.
‖ Out of 13 cases pending at the close of last year, six cases have been shown at Noakholly.
¶ The difference is owing to a mistake in the last year's statement.
** One of the two cases pending at the close of 1875-76 has been struck out, as the estate has been removed from the hands of the Court of Wards.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.

Serial number.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.						Nature of Disbursements.					
		Sums awarded in favour of Court of Wards in regular suits.	Costs awarded in favour of Court of Wards, whether in actions for or against Court of Wards.	Costs in Privy Council appeals realized.	Costs in all other cases realized.	All sums otherwise realized in judicial proceedings.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	Amount expended in prosecution of suits.	Amount expended in defence of suits.	Amount expended in Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous disbursement on account of judicial proceedings other than those adverted to.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	4,089 0 7	.....	4,089 0 7	.....	1,838 3 2	4,046 4 6	.....	1,01,976 13 6	1,07,861 5 2
2	Bankoora	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Beerbhoom	19 10 2	10 8 4	.....	.....	.....	30 2 6	1,062 9 5	13 2 9	.....	.....	2 3 0	1,077 15 2
4	Midnapore	.....	365 0 0	.....	.....	.....	365 0 0	.....	556 0 3	226 2 3	.....	8 5 0	*790 7 6
5	Hooghly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	24-Pergunnahs	29,789 7 3	5,063 3 7	.....	.....	.....	34,852 10 10	372 3 6	10,884 15 0	593 7 0	.....	956 4 5	12,806 13 11
7	Nuddea	4,796 6 3½	918 15 9½	.....	40 0 0	1,232 15 2	6,893 5 3	167 12 3	1,816 6 6	304 2 6	.....	1,014 5 3	3,302 10 6
8	Jessore	28,069 7 7	6,965 6 9	1,500 0 0	.....	99,362 4 2	1,35,897 2 6	1,593 8 7	8,613 1 3	496 4 6	.....	3,545 4 3	14,248 2 7
9	Moorshedabad	9,358 3 9	1,548 1 11	.....	.....	2,133 3 1	13,039 8 9	2,661 10 0	1,437 1 11	757 2 11	.....	2,872 9 3	7,728 3 1
10	Dinagepore	1,366 11 6	78 7 10	.....	.....	28 13 6	1,474 0 10	.....	116 11 0	70 4 9	.....	442 15 9	629 15 6
11	Maldah	481 12 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	481 12 2	.....	947 0 8	.....	.....	150 5 2	1,097 5 10
12	Rajshahye	3,811 1 0	861 3 9	.....	.....	375 6 3	5,047 11 0	.....	997 13 0	2,738 12 0	.....	298 12 0	4,035 5 0
13	Rungpore	1,720 10 3	440 5 9	.....	.....	274 0 0	2,435 0 0	15,109 4 0	801 0 8	.....	.....	818 9 0	16,728 13 8
14	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 9 0	.....	.....	8 0 0	34 9 0
15	Pubna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....†
18	Dacca	503 14 0	17 0 0	.....	.....	.....	520 14 0	4,221 7 3	156 9 6	451 11 8	.....	58 8 6	4,888 4 11
19	Backergunge	18 1 9	36 14 3	.....	.....	.....	55 0 0	.....	27 0 2	96 7 3	.....	.....	123 7 5
20	Mymensingh	6,796 5 2	2,195 1 4	.....	.....	1,747 3 7	10,738 10 1	.....	12,201 4 1	140 14 0	.....	.....	12,342 2 1
21	Furreedpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	Tipperah	5,634 4 4	1,227 10 7	.....	.....	.....	6,861 14 11	184 15 8	2,375 1 5	228 3 1	.....	.....	2,788 4 2
23	Noakholly	4,040 14 11	2,429 2 0	.....	.....	1,573 12 3	8,043 13 2	.....	2,230 5 9	558 6 4	.....	1,979 14 0	4,768 10 1
24	Chittagong	3,106 9 0	731 3 6	.....	.....	.....	3,837 12 6	852 13 7	3,400 0 6	.....	.....	880 13 0	5,133 11 1
25	Patna	774 8 7	209 3 5	.....	.....	.....	983 12 0	23,782 10 9	46 11 9	19 0 3	.....	1,726 9 9	25,575 0 6
26	Sarun	.....	57 7 0	.....	.....	.....	57 7 0	29,641 5 0	1,301 4 10	577 12 11	79 7 0	132 13 8	31,732 11 5
27	Gya	130 0 0	116 0 0	.....	.....	.....	246 0 0	.....	494 6 0	9 9 9	.....	0 0 6	504 0 3
28	Shahabad	7,102 0 4	426 11 3	.....	.....	398 6 11	7,927 2 6	.....	437 8 6	5,701 13 9	8,641 7 0	1,220 1 10	16,000 15 1
29	Mozufferpore	20,421 4 9½	8,042 7 6½	.....	.....	.....	28,463 12 4	702 15 6	9,972 0 8½	294 0 6	500 0 0	2,748 8 6	14,217 9 2½
30	Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	292 3 0	25 11 10	14 14 9	.....	195 9 7	528 7 6
31	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 2 9	13 6 3	.....	21 8 0	37 1 0
32	Bhagulpore	2,929 4 6	207 11 6	.....	.....	1,400 0 3	4,537 0 3	.....	1,435 3 6	.....	.....	185 8 0	1,620 11 6
33	Purneah	44,996 15 8½	5,304 4 2½	.....	.....	3,693 11 3	53,994 15 2	50 8 6	11,447 3 9	732 10 0	.....	2,914 3 2	15,144 9 5
34	Cuttack	.....	20 13 9	.....	6 8 0	0 6 5	27 12 2	65,581 15 4	.....	115 1 8	.....	.....	65,697 1 0
35	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,556 8 5	.....	236 9 9	.....	.....	1,793 2 2
36	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	Hazareebagh	564 5 3	390 6 2	.....	.....	115 14 5	1,070 9 10	.....	2,037 10 9	12 15 3	.....	100 3 4	2,150 13 4
38	Manbhoom	87 9 6	15 2 6	.....	.....	7 3 3	109 15 3	.....	4 5 9	98 7 6	.....	17 0 0	119 13 3
39	Lohardugga	12,423 9 5	1,051 6 10½	.....	.....	3,662 13 3½	17,137 13 7	.....	533 3 8½	.....	.....	1,588 5 6½	2,121 9 3
	Total ...	1,88,853 1 2½	38,724 15 7	1,500 0 0	4,135 8 7	1,16,006 1 9½	3,49,219 11 2	1,47,834 6 9	76,176 0 5	18,534 9 1	9,220 14 0	1,25,864 1 11½	3,77,630 0 2½

* Besides this, Rs. 11,021 was advanced for High Court appeals.
† Not received.

K.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of Wards in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1877.

Division.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1876.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1876 to 31st March 1877.			Total.	Realized during the year 1876-77.	Balance.	Deduct remitted by the order of the Commissioner or other authorities	Net balance outstanding on the 1st April 1877.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	1. Burdwan	15,025 14 8	2,245 14 6	3,172 12 4	6,144 8 5	1,138 0 9	1,017 9 1	28,744 11 9	4,089 0 7	24,655 11 2	13,252 11 2	11,403 0 0
	2. Beerbhoom	569 7 0	77 4 6	149 1 1	.....	.....	.....	795 12 7	30 2 6	765 10 1	.....	765 10 1
	3. Midnapore	567 0 3	219 4 6	35 8 0	602 2 0	27 6 0	1,067 11 0	2,518 15 9	365 0 0	2,153 15 9	272 3 3	1,881 12 6
Presidency	4. 24-Perganahs	37,597 4 0	13,189 14 6	4,702 13 10	58,782 14 4	17,262 11 10	11,365 11 9	1,37,901 6 3	34,852 10 10	1,03,048 11 5	.....	1,03,048 11 5
	5. Nuddea	5,412 9 10	1,463 14 11	1,663 4 9	5,908 2 4½	1,156 0 5½	2,740 5 3	18,344 5 7	6,893 5 3	11,451 0 4	596 11 9	‖19,854 4 7
	6. Jessore	72,908 13 2	12,031 14 6	10,468 2 4	1,23,504 10 10	11,260 2 3	8,165 7 8	2,38,339 2 9	1,35,897 2 6	1,02,442 0 3	2,736 4 2	99,705 12 1
	7. Moorshedabad	51,877 5 2	5,069 3 9	4,797 3 8	8,322 8 4	8,094 9 8	1,716 12 1	79,877 10 9	13,039 8 9	66,838 2 0	33,060 3 9	33,777 14 3
Rajshahye	8. Dinagepore	1,03,578 7 1½	70,408 5 1½	4,787 6 0	2,142 4 11	3,826 7 6	864 11 1½	1,85,607 9 10½	1,474 0 10	1,84,133 9 0½	1,78,908 6 1	5,225 2 11½
	9. Rajshahye	5,097 10 0	1,602 7 0	1,405 15 0	5,075 9 0	1,025 7 0	1,510 13 6	15,717 13 6	5,047 11 0	10,670 2 6	327 6 4	10,342 12 2
	10. Rungpore	2,043 7 3	315 13 9	2,559 12 4	3,223 0 0	772 0 0	942 0 0	9,856 1 4	2,161 0 0	7,695 1 4	2,136 0 0	5,559 1 4
Cooch Behar	11. Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..... ¶
Dacca	12. Dacca	5,648 7 6	.....	.....	181 9 4	662 14 7	89 11 10	6,582 11 3	520 14 0	6,061 13 3	7 15 6	6,053 13 9
	13. Backerguuge	499 8 4	330 3 0	742 6 6	.....	75 14 0	16 2 0	1,664 1 10	55 0 0	1,609 1 10	1 8 10	1,607 9 0
	14. Mymensingh	*2,277 11 0	703 7 11	696 15 10	8,916 8 1	2,542 13 6	7,733 2 8	22,870 11 0	10,738 10 1	12,132 0 11	101 2 0	12,030 14 11
	15. Tipperah	47,353 8 6	17,053 9 3	1,139 14 3	10,797 0 11	3,711 2 2	3,644 11 9	83,699 14 10	6,861 14 11	76,837 15 11	16,501 13 1	60,336 2 10
Chittagong	16. Chittagong	19,423 10 9	.....	.....	11,774 8 4	.....	.....	31,198 3 1	3,837 12 6	27,360 6 7	10,990 3 3	16,370 3 4
	17. Noakholly	†11,048 5 4	8,361 1 5	6,700 0 1	6,267 12 5	1,295 2 9	3,362 11 3	37,035 1 3	8,043 13 2	28,991 4 1	9,778 1 11	19,213 2 2
Patna	18. Patna	‡594 1 8	.....	168 5 5	378 8 0	284 12 2	825 10 3	2,251 5 6	983 12 0	1,267 9 6	.....	1,267 9 6
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* The discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the Collector's return in the last year.
† The discrepancy is owing to the addition of another estate.
‡ The discrepancy is owing to the mistake of the local officer in his last year's statement.
§ The discrepancy is owing to a mistake of calculation in the year 1875.
‖ The discrepancy in the outstanding balance of last year is owing to Rs. 3,425 having been left out of the statement on account of an instalment deed having been executed by the judgment-debtor, and Rs. 53-1-9, which was realized last year but was inadvertently shown as outstanding, being also left out of the statement.
¶ Not received.
** The discrepancy in the balance of last year is owing to an estate having been removed from the hands of the Court of Wards.

Regr. No. 13107—5—26-9-77.

JUDICIAL.

CALCUTTA, THE 29TH NOVEMBER 1877.

RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Annual Report on the civil litigation of Government during the year 1876-77.

Read again—

The Report for the previous year, with the orders of Government thereon.

MR. BELL first notices the instances in which Government was a party to suits before the Privy Council. Altogether ten such appeals came before that tribunal during the year. The only one in which judgment was delivered was decided in favour of Government. Since the close of the year two other cases have been disposed of, one being decided in favour of Government, and the other remanded to the High Court for further inquiry.

2. The following table exhibits the leading statistical data connected with the disposal of civil suits in which Government was concerned during the year:—

	Cases.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Appeals	*Before High Court.*			
	Decided in favour of Government	28	15	19
	Ditto against ditto	6	2	3
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	5	8	9
	Total ...	39	25	31
	Before Lower Court.			
	Decided in favour of Government	36	32	82
	Ditto against ditto	16	11	10
	Compromised or remanded	5	14	7
	Total ...	57	57	99
Original Cases	Decided in favour of Government	145	206	151
	Ditto against ditto	58	27	74
	Compromised or withdrawn	21	24	256
	Total ...	224	257	481
Total	Decided in favour of Government	209	253	252
	Ditto against ditto	80	40	87
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	31	46	272
	Grand Total ...	320	339	611

3. These figures present some very peculiar features, and they have been imperfectly analyzed and commented upon by Mr. Bell. It is not sufficient that Government should be supplied with the particulars of a few of the most important cases. The annual report should, in addition to this, contain a comprehensive review of the progress of Government litigation, and an explanation of any considerable fluctuations exhibited by the results. No attempt is made to explain why the total number of cases decided rose from 320 in 1874-75 and 339 in 1875-76 to 611 in 1876-77. There was an increase as compared with the previous year in all classes of cases, but it is particularly remarkable in original cases, of which the number was 481 against 257. Looking to the results of the cases, the Lieutenant-Governor observes that no less than 256 were compromised or withdrawn, against 24 and 21 respectively in the two previous years. Of the original cases actually decided, only 151 out of 225 were awarded in favour of Government, against 206 out of 233 in the previous year. A part of

the increase in original cases may be due to the proceedings of the ryots on the Doro Dumna estate in Midnapore, but this is not stated, nor is it clear that such is the case. As regards the "percentage in favour of Government," an erroneous method of computation has been adopted by the Legal Remembrancer. He omits, for the purpose of calculating the percentage, all cases "compromised, remanded, or withdrawn," and only considers the total number of cases actually decided in favour of or against Government. This practice is clearly misleading. A case which is compromised before trial may involve the payment of costs on both sides, and has practically the same result as if a decision adverse to the defendant had been given after a judicial hearing. So long as it is not shown by whom the different cases "compromised, remanded, or withdrawn" were originally instituted, it is impossible to estimate the amount of success attending Government litigation. It may be that the omission of these cases renders the percentage less favourable to Government than it would be were the result of all cases taken into consideration, but the procedure is none the less erroneous. In future the necessary distinction should be made to show whether the result justified the institution of each case not brought to a judicial decision, and the degree of success attained in the aggregate should be estimated accordingly. An instance of the unreliability of the present system is observable in the statistics of original cases for the past year. Of 481 such cases instituted, 151 were decided in favour of Government, 74 were decided against Government, and 256 were compromised or withdrawn. Mr. Bell finds that 151 favourable decisions out of 225 gives a percentage of 67. But it is obvious that, as a gauge of success, this figure may be either very much above or very much below the mark.

4. Turning to Mr. Bell's detailed statement of the different classes of cases, it is to be remarked that no explanation has been offered of the circumstances under which Government was made a party to the case of Issur Chunder Ghosh *vs.* the Chairman of the North Suburban Municipality, in which it is said to have been in no way concerned. Similarly, Government was most unnecessarily joined with the Sasseram Town Committee as a defendant in the case regarding the closing of the golah. The necessity of defining by legislative enactment the duties demandable from the ghatwals of Bankoora has long been recognized by Government, and the Lieutenant-Governor hopes that the requisite measure will soon be passed into law. Mr. Eden is glad to learn that the measures taken to protect the interests of Government in connection with the arrears of rent due by the ryots of the Doro Dumna estate have been found effectual, and that the vexatious litigation which had begun has been stopped. It is a matter of satisfaction that so few as twelve suits were brought during the year in connection with the multifarious operations of the Public Works Department. Mr. Bell's remarks on the system which appears to have hitherto been generally pursued regarding appeals from Collectors' awards in land acquisition cases are important. It is clearly the duty of the Collector in such cases to see that evidence of the fairness of the amount offered by him as compensation is placed before the court. The Lieutenant-Governor is glad that the attention of the Board of Revenue has been drawn to the matter, and the circular which has been issued has his approval.

5. The Legal Remembrancer gives the number of suits in which the Court of Wards was interested during the past three years as follows:—

	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.
Decided in favour of wards ...	1,316	1,551	1,884
Against wards	252	325	275
Compromised and remanded ...	145	112	82
Total ...	1,713	1,988	2,241

6. Mr. Bell has omitted from the figures for the past year 132 appeals which were given against the Court of Wards in the court of the Judge of Midnapore after five other appeals had been similarly decided in the High Court. There appears to be no good reason why these should be omitted from the returns. Inclusive of them, the total number of cases for the year was 2,373, of which 407 were decided against the Court of Wards. These figures show a

considerable and steady increase in the number of suits in which Wards' estates are concerned, and some explanation should have been offered of the cause.

7. The amount realized during the year on account of Government decrees was Rs. 71,568, or 11¼ per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 6,36,048. As was observed in the Resolution on last year's report, the large outstanding balance under a decree against the Port Canning Municipality accounts to some extent for the unsatisfactory result of the realizations. During the year the amount due under this decree was Rs. 5,40,000; and a sum of Rs. 20,742 only, or considerably less than the year's accretion from interest, was realized from lands which have been for some years under attachment. Excluding these sums, the amount realized was Rs. 50,822, or 53 per cent. of the total demand, Rs. 96,048. This result is more favourable than that obtained during either of the previous years, when the amount recovered was only 30 and 17 per cent. respectively of the demand. The outstandings are largest in Bankoora, Hooghly, Mozufferpore, Shahabad, and Manbhoom. A great part of the amount due in Bankoora is irrecoverable, and it has been reported for remission. A similar course should be pursued in Mozufferpore, where it is said that the balance is due from a person who has no property. No explanation has been offered of the large amount (Rs. 6,346) due from Hooghly. The Collector's explanation, when received, should be submitted to Government. In Shahabad the greater part of the balance is due on a decree against which an appeal has been filed, and execution has been meanwhile held in abeyance. The Manbhoom balance is in process of realization.

8. The balances due under decrees passed in favour of Wards' estates are chiefly made up of old debts on which interest is accumulating. The proceedings taken on decrees obtained during the year have been fairly satisfactory. The amount realized was 61 per cent. of the gross amount decreed, against 57 per cent. in 1875-76 and 14 per cent. in 1874-75.

9. The names of the officers whom the Legal Remembrancer has selected for special mention as having distinguished themselves during the year by special attention to the preparation of their cases will be noted.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded for the information and guidance of the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

Ordered also that extract paragraph 9 of the Resolution, and extract paragraph 51 of the Report, be forwarded to the Appointment Department of this office.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

HORACE A. COCKERELL,

Offg. Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 4592.

COPY of the above Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for his information and guidance.

No. 4593.

EXTRACT paragraph 9 of the Resolution, and extract paragraph 51 of the Report, forwarded to the Appointment Department of this office.

By order of the Lieutenant Governor of Bengal,

COLMAN MACAULAY,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 29th November 1877.

C. E. G.—Reg. No. 14009—1-12-77.

REPORT

ON

THE LEGAL AFFAIRS

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FOR THE YEAR

1877-78.

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No. 715.

FROM T T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Officiating Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Fort William, the 2nd September 1878.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, the following report upon the result of the civil litigation in which Government was concerned during 1877-78.

2. At the end of last year, that is, on the 31st March 1877, there were 10 appeals, marginally noted, pending before the Privy Council; and from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878 three more were preferred, also shewn in the margin, which gives a total of 13 cases under adjudication befcre the Privy Council. Of these, No. 8, Sheo Soondari *vs.* Prithee Sing, was decreed in our favour on the 3rd May 1877. In No. 6, J. P. Wise *vs.* Government, it has been decided by Government order No. 93, dated 5th December 1877, that we should not intervene, so further action on the part of Government has been stopped. No. 7, the case of Burra Lall Opendra Nath Sahee, which was remanded to the High Court for taking further evidence, has since been returned to the Privy Council with the Court's report mostly in favour of the Court of Wards. In the five cases of Radhapersad Sing *vs.* Government, negotiations for compromise were in progress at close of year (*vide* Government order No. 629, dated 31st January 1878), as also in the case of Desputty Sing *vs.* Banee Persad, No. 9. The particulars of this case were reported in paragraph 19 of this office report for 1875-76. It has been ultimately settled that all the cases connected with this estate should be compromised, and therefore no further action has been taken to prosecute the case in England. In fact only one case was decided during the year under review in addition to the case in which we are not to interfere. There remain, therefore, 11 cases to be accounted for in next year's report.

1 to 5.—Radhapersad Sing *vs.* Government.
6.—J. P. Wise *vs.* Government.
7.—Burra Lall Opendra Nath Sahee *vs.* Court of Wards.
8.—Sheo Soondari *vs.* Prithee Sing.
9.—Desputty Sing *vs.* Banee Persad.
10.—Bissessur Lall Sahoo *vs.* Raj Durbhunga.
11.—Chucker Sarun Narain, lunatic, *vs.* Roop Manjari.
12 and 13.—Rajah Leelanund Sing *vs.* Raj Durbhunga.

3. The following shows the result of the civil litigation in all the courts of Bengal in which Government was a party, as compared with the two previous years:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Government	...	253	252	417
Ditto against Government	...	40	87	71
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	46	272	19
Percentage in favour of Government	...	86	74	85

4. The percentage has been calculated on the same principle as heretofore, it being found impossible to bring in the results of cases which were not contested throughout without introducing confusion and figures altogether misleading. Details, however, as to the cases compromised, withdrawn, &c., are shown in statement D. given in the Appendix.

5. The total number of cases under trial in 1876-77 was 805, inclusive of 233 enhancement suits which were subsequently withdrawn, the actual number tried being 572. In 1877-78 the number under trial is 1,356, inclusive of 710 enhancement suits instituted in Mozufferpore. These being excluded, the actual number should be 646. The increase is owing to 155 land acquisition cases which were instituted in Gya and Patna.

6. The result of Government litigation in the High Court is as follows:—

	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Government	15	19	25
Ditto against Government	2	3	1
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	8	9	4
Percentage in favour of Government ...	88	86	96

7. But if the two cases in which Government was respondent and which were withdrawn by the appellants be taken as favorable to Government, and the other two (in one of which Government was appellant, and which was withdrawn, and the other in which Government, was respondent, but which was remanded) be taken as adverse to Government, then the percentage of favourable decisions would be 90.

8. I give below the particulars of the case decided adverse to Government in the High Court.

9. This is a case for compensation of land, about eight cottahs taken up for public purposes, viz. for the location of the Shumbhoo Nath Pundit dispensary at Bhowanipore. The Collector, under Act X of 1870, offered Rs. 200 per cottah for the land, but the claimant would not accept it, and the case was therefore referred to the Judge under section 15. One of the assessors awarded Rs. 250 per cottah, and the other Rs. 300 and 100 per cottah additional for deterioration of the land. The Judge awarded Rs. 300 per cottah, but disallowed the excess Rs. 100 per cottah. Against this judgment the claimant appealed, and the High Court, while agreeing with the Judge as regards the price of the land, awarded the claimant Rs. 500 in a lump for the deterioration of his land.

Nobin Chunder Addy *vs.* Government.

10. The following is a comparative statement of Government litigation in the lower appellate courts:—

	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Government	32	82	35
Ditto against Government	11	10	10
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	14	7	3
Percentage in favour of Government ...	74	89	77

11. But if the three cases shown against heading "compromised, remanded, or withdrawn" be taken as adverse to Government, then the percentage would be 73.

12. I do not think it necessary to give in detail a history of the 10 cases decided against Government. Many of these cases were of little or no importance, and are quite unworthy of notice. I shall therefore merely mention the following cases.

13. Plaintiffs sued to recover the price of coal supplied to Government, and also for the refund of money deposited by them as security for the due performance of their contract within a specified time. It was contended on the part of Government that the deposit money had been forfeited under the conditions of the contract, and that the plaintiffs had been twice paid for a portion of the coal supplied by them. The Subordinate Judge disallowed the plaintiffs their claim for refund of the deposit money, but allowed the price of the coal sued for. Against this judgment two appeals were preferred—one by the plaintiffs, and the other by Government. The Judge (Mr. Garrett) reversed the lower court's judgment, and decreed both the appeals—that on behalf of the plaintiffs on the ground that Government did not give plaintiffs sufficient notice of its intention to forfeit the deposit, and that by Government on the ground that on the evidence he was satisfied that the plaintiffs had been twice paid for the same quantity of coal. The plaintiffs have now appealed to the High Court, and their appeal is pending.

DACCA.
Adhar Chunder Dass and another *vs.* Government

14. The case might be said to be in continuation of the case referred to in paragraph 24 of last year's report. The particulars are as follow.

NOAKHALLY.
Radhapersad Wasti *vs.* Government.

The Collector of Noakholly having, in the course of his revising the settlement of Chur Durvesh under Regulation VII of 1822, dispossessed the plaintiff. The plaintiff instituted a suit for possession, and obtained a decree; and he now sues to recover wasilut for the time he was under dispossession. Mr. Bell advised the Collector to deposit the amount recovered *minus* the collection charges; but the Collector took a different course, and the result of the moonsif's judgment was not reported to this office, nor was the appeal preferred with the sanction of this office. After the case was decided adverse to Government by the lower appellate court, the case was sent up for special appeal, and the appeal filed by us is now pending in the High Court.

15. The following shows the result of original cases in which Government is a party:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Government	...	206	151	357
Ditto against Government	...	27	74	60
Compromised or withdrawn	...	24	256	8
Percentage in favour of Government	...	88	67	85

16. But if out of the eight cases shown under the head of "compromised and withdrawn" four, in which plaintiff withdrew with permission to bring fresh action, be taken as favourable to Government, and the other four against Government, the percentage in favour of Government is not materially affected: it comes to 84·94, or (say) 85.

17. The majority of these cases are quite unimportant and of no interest, but a few may be noticed.

BURDWAN.
Maharajah of Burdwan *vs.* Government.

In this case the Maharajah sued for possession of certain lands as re-formation on an old site and as accretions to such re-formed land, and also for cancelment of the settlement made by the revenue authorities, and for a settlement being made with him. We admitted a portion of the land to be re-formation on an old site, but contended that the rest are gradual accretions to an island chur. The Subordinate Judge gave a decree to the plaintiff on the ground that the channel between the island and shore was not proved to be unfordable at all seasons of the year, while, on the other hand, it was proved that the rest of the land was gradual accretion to the land which had re-formed on an old site.

18. These are all ghatwalee cases, and the reason of their being decided against us has been fully given in paragraph 25 of last year's report.

BANKOORA, 17 CASES.

MIDNAPORE, 4 CASES.
Lukhi Narain Audhicari, Tarini Churn Patro, Mohes Chunder Mytee, and Boykanto Nath Chowdhury, *vs.* Government.

19. These are all cases for refund of money paid under certificates issued under Act VII (B.C.) of 1868. The particulars of these cases were fully given in paragraph 26 of last year's report.

MOORSHEDABAD.
Maharanee Shurnomoyee *vs.* Government.

20. Plaintiff instituted this suit to establish her proprietary right to a certain plot of land as appertaining to her zemindaree Kaltamari. We contended that it re-formed on the old site of the khas mehal chur Kidderpore. The subordinate Judge deputed an ameen to measure and prepare a map of the land, but the map prepared by the ameen was found to be incorrect. He therefore held that in determining the question within which mouzah the disputed land falls, the parties should be governed by the survey map of 1853 in preference to the subsequent dearah maps, and accordingly, with the consent of both parties, fixed a point as the correct trijunctional point of the mouzahs, and decreed the case in this way—that the parties should be governed by the aforesaid thak map of 1853 in determining the question how much of the disputed land will fall within the old site of Kaltamari, and how much within the old site of chur Kidderpore, and made each party liable for his own cost.

RAJSHAHYE.
Kumar Jogendra Narain Roy *vs.* Government.

21. The facts of this case are as follow. The plaintiff obtained a decree for the right and possession of certain land as re-formation of his mouzah Bhowanipore on the admission of the Collector of Pubna, and on his

going to execute the decree, the Collector of Nuddea objected that the land which the ameen was going to measure belonged to Chur Kururia, in Nuddea. It was further contended that at the time the suit was compromised Chur Kururia, of which the land in dispute forms a part, was not under the jurisdiction of the Collector of Pubna, and he had therefore no power to relinquish the same, and, further, that the land in dispute was not covered by the decree. The Subordinate Judge, however, found that the disputed land was covered by the decree obtained against the Collector of Pubna, and accordingly decreed the suit. Against this judgment an appeal has been preferred.

22. In both these cases the plaintiffs sued for possession of land from which they were said to have been dispossessed by Government. No defence was taken in these cases, but Government gave up the land. The plaintiffs withdrew their suits.

DACCA.
(1) Joydoorga Debya and (2) Gobind Chunder Roy *vs.* Government.

23. In these cases Mir Mozum Hossain claims one-third and Amiroonnissa Khatoon two-thirds of a plot of land as re-formation on old site of their mouzah and accretions thereto, and also claims wasilut. Government proposed to give up a portion of the land which it found to have re-formed on the old site of the plaintiff's mouzah, but claimed the rest as accretions to Government Chur Shaebrampore. The subordinate Judge, however, decreed to the plaintiffs a greater quantity of land than was offered by Government. Regular appeals have been preferred to the High Court which are now pending.

FURREEDPORE.
(1) Mir Mozum Hossain and (2) Amiroonnissa Khatoon *vs.* Government.

24. Plaintiff brought this suit to set aside the order of the revenue authorities and to recover possession of 1,000 beeghas of land after establishing his abadkari talookdari right thereto, which land he says was wrongly taken out of his chur and included in another contiguous chur. The Collector pleaded general and special limitations to the suit and denied plaintiff's abadkari talookdari right to the lands. The Subordinate Judge, however, found otherwise, and decreed the case in favour of the plaintiff. No appeal was filed, as it was not considered important, so long as the land pays revenue to Government, whether the same is included in one chur or the other.

BACKERGUNGE.
Hurro Prosunno Bhuttacharjee *vs.* Government.

25. In this case the plaintiff sued to recover Rs. 239, being one-third of his salary as butwara ameen, which was kept in deposit in the Collectorate under the Board's Rules. On the part of Government it was objected that plaintiff was guilty of neglect and misconduct, that he absented himself without leave, that his work was full of mistakes, and although he was directed to correct the errors, he did not carry out the order, and hence he was not entitled to his pay. The Moonsif found that the plaintiff's negligence was not of such a gross nature that he was liable to forfeit all his salary, he therefore gave him a modified decree. Against this decision an appeal was filed, and the appellate court reversed the Moonsif's judgment and decreed the whole amount claimed by the plaintiff.

TIPPERAH.
Krishna Chunder Chuckerbutty *vs.* Government.

26. This suit was brought to set aside a sale made under Act VII (B.C.) of 1868, on the ground that the preliminary notice required by section 21 of the said Act was not served on the debtor. No reply was filed on the part of Government. The Moonsif held that the law [Act VII (B.C.) of 1868] under which the property was sold has no application to demand of Government on account of price of waste land, and, moreover, no notice was served. Consequently he set aside the sale and made each party liable for his costs.

CHITTAGONG.
Ram Rutton Sen *vs.* Government.

27. Plaintiff sued to recover a certain sum of money as surplus sale proceeds of her talook. Government filed no reply, but on being questioned by court consented to a decree being passed in plaintiff's favour. The case was not reported to this office.

Srimati Rai Bhayo *vs.* Government.

28. Plaintiff sued to recover Rs. 169, his wages as a ferryman from 29th November 1876 to 14th February 1877. The Magistrate compromised the case by paying him Rs. 100.

NOAKHALLY.
Roushan Majhee *vs.* Government.

29. Plaintiff sued to recover Rs. 291, being the value of trees cut down in the irrigation survey. A part of the claim was admitted and decreed accordingly. It was not reported to this office.

MOZUFFERPORE.
Warz Ali *vs.* Government.

30. These suits were instituted to obtain permanent settlement and for mutation of names by setting aside the orders of the Board of Revenue, rejecting the settlement. We simply pleaded that as the plaintiff claimed a share in the permanent settlement, Government was unnecessarily made a defendant, and prayed for costs. The defendant, settlement-holder, confessed judgment, and the plaintiff obtained a decree, but Government was made liable for its own costs.

BHAGULPORE, 5 CASES.
Syud Momtaz Hossain and others *vs.* Government.

31. Eight of the 12 were ghatwalee cases, in which the plaintiffs claimed land as their mal, and we pleaded the same as ghatwalee. The Moonsif, however, adjudged it to be mal. Appeals have been preferred by the ghatwals as well as by Government, which are now pending. The remaining four cases were instituted by Government to recover arrears of advances made under the Land Improvement Act (XXVI) of 1871. The Moonsif dismissed these suits on the ground that the civil court had no jurisdiction to entertain cases of this nature. Appeals have been filed against the Moonsif's decision, and they are now pending.

MANBHOOM, 12 CASES.

32. The result of wards' litigation as contrasted with the two previous years is as follows:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	1,551	1,884	3,557
Ditto against Court of Wards	...	325	275	225
Compromised, withdrawn, or remanded	...	112	82	144
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	83	87	92

33. The percentage is again more favourable this year than that of last year. I shall notice the unfavourable decisions and the cases compromissd, &c., hereafter in their respective divisions.

34. The total number of cases under trial during 1877-78 was 4,595 against 2,526 in 1876-77. This enormous increase is owing to a large number of suits for arrears of rent having been instituted by the Durbhunga Raj in Mozufferpore, some bond suits by the Cooch Behar Raj, and many rent suits in Moorshedabad, Jessore, Mymensingh, and Noakholly. Of the whole some 3,450 suits are thus accounted for.

35. The following is a comparative statement of wards' cases decided by the High Court:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	28	19.	34
Ditto against Court of Wards	...	6	12	6
Compromised, withdrawn, or remanded	...	7	11	7
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	82	61	73

36. The percentage of favourable decisions is better than that of last year. Of the seven cases shown under the head "compromised and remanded," five were remanded by the High Court, in one of which Court of Wards was appellant, and in the remaining four respondents, one compromised in which the Court of Wards was appellant, and one withdrawn in which it was respondent.

37. I give below a short abstract of the two principal cases decided adverse to the Court of Wards.

38. In this case the Court of Wards sued Dewan Kunj Lall for possession of a village, called Dungra, which the minor got by inheritance from his father. Defendant admitted that the village was a part of the plaintiff's estate, but said that it had been granted to him by the late Maharajah under a sunnud at a light rent. The Judicial Commissioner finding the sunnud to be unstamped required the defendant to stamp it, but when it was properly stamped, he rejected it. He also disbelieved the witnesses to the deed and decided the case in favour of the Court of Wards. But the High Court, on appeal, believed the testimony of the witnesses and decreed the appeal.

LOHARDUGGA.
Dewan Kunj Lall Sing, defendant, appellant, *vs.* Court of Wards for Rajah Pertap Udoy Nath Sahee.

MYMENSINGH.
Kalli Mohun Bal *vs.* Court of Wards.

39. Plaintiff instituted this suit to recover possession with mesne profits after establishing his right to a certain share in an undivided estate. The first court dismissed the suit on the score of limitation, but on appeal to the High Court the case was remanded under section 354 of Act VIII of 1859 for further investigation on certain issues framed by the High Court. On return of the record, the High Court decreed the appeal with costs. The estate was placed in the hands of the Court of Wards after the appeal had been filed. The remaining cases are of no interest.

40. The following is the result of the cases decided by the Lower Appellate Courts in which Court of Wards was concerned:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	116	107	90
Ditto against Court of Wards	...	42	32	66
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	18	12	15
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	73	75	58

41. Of the 66 unfavourable decisions, 15 at Mymensingh and 29 at Bhagulpore were rent appeals conducted by the local officers without reference to this office, and the remaining cases are not of such importance as require special notice.

42. The result of original cases is as follows:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	1,407	1,758	3,433
Ditto against Court of Wards	...	277	99	203
Compromised and withdrawn	...	87	59	122
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	83	94	94

43. The percentage of favourable decisions is the same as that of last year. Of the 122 cases shown against heading "compromised," 77 cases were struck off the file in which the Durbhunga Raj was plaintiff in the Mozufferpore district. The Government Pleader has not yet explained why the cases were instituted and the circumstances under which they were struck off.

44. The 203 unfavourable decisions are almost all in rent cases, and do not call for any remark.

45. The following gives the result of Government and ward's decrees recovered during the year as compared with the two previous years:—

Government Decrees.

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	570,113	636,048	752,492
Recovered during the year	...	13,864	71,564	143,905
Percentage of recovery	...	3	11¼	19

46. But if the sum of Rs. 5,52,216 due against the Canning Municipal estate and the amount realized out of the same be deducted, the figures will come to as follows:—

		1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	...	86,113	96,048	2,32,907
Recovered during the year	...	13,864	50,822	1,43,905
Percentage of recovery ...	...	17	53	61

47. The outstanding balances are heaviest in the following districts:—

Bankoora, Rs. 5,797-11-7.—The Collector says that Rs. 4,824 are irrecoverable, there being no property left by the judgment-debtors; Rs. 512 could not be recovered as appeals have been preferred, and the rest under process of recovery.

Hooghly, Rs. 35,310-6-9.—Out of this amonnt Rs. 35,253 are pending in appeal, and the rest under realization.

Rajshahye, Rs. 2,089-2-3.—The Collector explains that the amount was decreed only in February and March 1878, and the decrees were not prepared within the year, and therefore the balance could not be recovered.

Mymensingh, Rs. 6,476-4-3.—Of this amount Rs. 3,990 have been recovered since the close of the year; Rs. 2,121 are said to be irrecoverable as the judgment-debtors have no preperty; Rs. 344 pending in appeal, and steps taken for the recovery of the remainder.

Mozufferpore, Rs. 7,062-15.—Out of this Rs. 6,911 could not be realized as the judgment-debtors have no property, and the rest under appeal.

Shahabad, Rs. 9,117.—Of this more than Rs. 7,000 could not be realized as appeals have been preferred against the original court's decree.

Manbhoom, Rs. 10,093.—The Deputy Commissioner explains that out of this amount Rs. 7,100 are pending disposal of appeals preferred by judgment-debtors, and more than Rs. 2,000 are decrees recently obtained for arrears of tuccavee advances.

Wards' decrees.

	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	22,30,842	25,15,075	19,85,023
Recovered during the year ...	2,77,258	3,48,945	4,68,704
Percentage of recovery ...	12	14	23

48. But by taking the amount decreed and the amount realized during the year as the standard of comparison, as was shown last year, the figures will be as follows:—

	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	4,88,674	5,69,834	6,00,311
Recovered during the year ...	2,77,258	3,48,945	4,68,704
Percentage of recovery ...	57	61	78

49. There were several changes in the office of the Legal Remembrancer during the year under report. Mr. Henry Bell was in charge of the office from 1st April to 31st December 1877. He made over charge to Mr. H. T. Prinsep on the 1st of January 1878, who again delivered charge to Mr. L. R. Tottenham on the 16th February 1878, who was in charge of the office till the close of the year.

50. In the office of the district Government Pleaders the following changes occurred:—

Maldah.—Baboo Mohendra Nath Banerjée, B.A., B.L., was appointed Government Pleader, *vice* Baboo Preo Nath Dutt, resigned.

Beerbhoom.—Baboo Roma Prosunno Singh was appointed Government Pleader, *vice* Baboo Khetter Nath Gangooly, resigned.

51. As I was not in charge of the office during the year under report, I am not in a position to say anything as to the merits or demerits of the Collectors and the Government Pleaders in the preparation of their cases.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Officiating Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some susbtantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
High Court	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	14,075
Zillah appeals	6	1	120	1	307	.....	.....	4	4,162
Original suits	15	13	2,565	1	2,500	.....	.....	1	130
Total ...	24	14	2,685	2	2,807	.....	.....	8	18,367

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	2,148	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	6	.....	.....	5	5,350	.....	.....	1	825
Total ...	7	1	2,148	5	5,350	.....	.....	1	825

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	15	4	95	2	3,588	.....	.....	9	6,945
Total ...	17	6	150	2	3,588	.....	.....	9	6,945

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession, and properties claimed by, or escheated to Government.

High Court	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Zillah appeals	3	2	181	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3,600
Original suits	15	11	20,197	2	3,312	.....	.....	2	7,216
Total ...	21	14	20,378	2	3,312	.....	.....	5	10,216

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

Nil.

(7) Suits for the recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c.

High Court	1	1	212	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	447	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	7	4	2,906	1	239	1	73	1	1,23,969
Total ...	10	7	3,565	1	239	1	73	1	1,23,969

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rents or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	3	2	278	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	715
Zillah appeals	3	1	743	1	590	.....	.....	1	658
Original suits	14	7	705	4	222	.....	.....	3	2,689
Total ...	20	10	1,726	5	812	.....	.....	5	4,062

(9) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property, or purchase-money.

High Court	5	3	19,329	.....	.....	1	7,873	1	423
Zillah appeals	8	5	1,526	1	1,717	.....	.....	2	957
Original suits	23	18	20,963	2	625	.....	.....	3	2,429
Total ...	36	26	41,818	3	2,342	1	7,873	6	3,809

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court	43	10	21,135	.....	.....	3	3,16,553	30	3,90,158
Zillah appeals	46	10	3,495	5	701	*6	11,940	25	6,525
Original suits	119	47	28,253	35	20,555	3	322	34	1,99,516
Total ...	208	67	52,883	40	21,256	12	3,28,815	89	5,96,199

(11) Suits in which Government has been made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court	7	5	3,283	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	8,861
Zillah appeals	1	1	150	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	5	4	6,285	.....	.....	1	32	.....	.....
Total ...	13	10	9,718	.....	.....	1	32	2	8,861

* Four of these transferred to the High Court.

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Remanded, compromised, or withdrawn.	

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the pleas of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	33,046
Zillah appeals	2	2	695	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	9	7	14,415	1	300	.....	.....	1	51,000
Total ...	13	9	15,110	1	300	.....	.....	3	84,046

(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

Nil.

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sale or sales, in execution of decrees, or sales of property pledged as security.

Nil.

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	147	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	12	8	2,980	1	18	1	500	2	160
Total ...	13	9	3,127	1	18	1	500	2	160

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the civil court has no jurisdiction.

Nil.

(8) Suits to contest orders reversing sales or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarras or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Original suits	2	2	7,375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	3	2	7,375	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	5	2	5,150	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	11,029
Zillah appeals	4	4	5,286	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	10	5	6,477	1	25	.....	.....	4	414
Total ...	19	11	16,913	1	25	.....	.....	7	11,443

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decision.			Pending.	
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised or remanded.		
(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.						
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
High Court	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	6,30,000
Zillah appeals	4	1	2,325	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	114
Original suits	712	142	1,528	.....	.....	.....	.....	570	19,899
Total ...	719	143	3,853	.....	.....	.....	.....	576	6,50,013
(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or other sureties.									
Nil.									
(4) Suits or refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.									
Nil.									
(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	1	729	1	274	.....	.....	2	699
Original suits	16	14	2,674	.....	.....	1	8	1	5,728
Total ...	20	15	3,403	1	274	1	8	3	6,427
(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt.									
High Court	3	1	171	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6,015
Zillah appeals	7	2	1,388	.....	.....	1	770	4	362
Original suits	42	24	32,404	5	524	.....	.....	13	19,108
Total ...	52	27	33,963	5	524	1	770	19	25,485
(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.									
Nil.									
(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.									
High Court	2	.....	.....	1	1,750	.....	.....	1	1,646
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	158	46	32,412	.....	.....	1	74	111	28,307
Total ...	160	46	32,412	1	1,750	1	74	112	29,953

D.

General Abstract Statement of suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1877-78.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEAL SUITS.										
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. In favour of Government. Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	In favour of Government. Cases in which Government is defendant.	Against Government. Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Against Government. Cases in which Government is defendant.	Compromised. Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Compromised. Cases in which Government is defendant.	Withdrawn. Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Withdrawn. Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number instituted from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR. In favour of Government. Cases in which Government is appellant.	In favour of Government. Cases in which Government is respondent.	Against Government. Cases in which Government is appellant.	Against Government. Cases in which Government is respondent.	Compromised. Cases in which Government is appellant.	Compromised. Cases in which Government is respondent.	Withdrawn. Cases in which Government is appellant.	Withdrawn. Cases in which Government is respondent.	Remanded. Cases in which Government is appellant.	Remanded. Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1878.	Number of cases in which Government was cost twice.
1. High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*37	43	80	3	22	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	1	30	50	...
2. Burdwan ...	1	8	9	3	2	...	2	...	...	7	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
3. Bankoora ...	19	19	38	...	14	...	17	...	...	3	34	4	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...
4. Beerbhoom ...	1	6	7	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Midnapore ...	14	18	32	3	12	...	4	...	...	...	19	13	2	7	9	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	8	1
6. Hooghly ...	...	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. 24-Pergunnahs	5	7	12	2	6	...	...	1	...	...	9	3	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
8. Nuddea	3	5	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
9. Jessore	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...
10. Moorshedabad...	4	7	11	2	5	...	1	...	1	...	9	2	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
11. Dinagepore ...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
12. Rajshahye ...	3	4	7	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	4	3	1	3	4	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
13. Rungpore ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Bogra	...	2	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Julpigoree ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. Dacca	3	5	8	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	6	2	†3	4	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	2
19. Furreedpore ...	2	7	9	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	5	4	7	1	8	...	...	4	...	2	...	...	...	‡1	5	3
20. Backergunge ...	9	9	18	...	15	...	1	...	...	...	16	2	1	3	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3
21. Mymensingh ...	2	3	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22. Tipperah ...	4	5	9	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	6	3	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
23. Chittagong ...	11	14	25	...	17	...	2	...	...	...	19	6	3	2	5	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	1	5	...
24. Noakholly ...	9	3	12	...	11	...	1	...	...	...	12	...	4	2	6	...	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...
26. Patna	...	§76	76	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	73	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
27. Sarun	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28. Gya	2	82	‖84	...	46	...	...	...	...	...	46	38	3	2	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...
29. Shahabad ...	7	5	12	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	3	3	6	...	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	1
30. Mozufferpore ...	4	¶717	721	140	7	...	1	...	1	...	149	572	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
31. Monghyr ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32. Bhagulpore ...	1	7	8	...	2	...	5	...	...	...	7	1	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	**3	4	...
33. Maldah	...	5	5	1	1	...	3	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35. Cuttack ...	2	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37. Balasore...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38. Hazareebagh ...	...	8	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39. Manbhoom ...	††16	24	40	22	3	4	8	...	...	1	38	2	1	10	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10
40. Lohardugga ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Total ...	123	1,058	1,181	182	175	5	55	...	3	1	4	425	756	68	107	175	9	51	4	7	...	1	1	2	...	7	82	93	4

* The discrepancy is owing to one case of court of wards which was inadvertently icnluded in the last year's statement having now been transferred to the ward's statement.

† One case was remanded last year, but was shown as pending, and hence the discrepency.

‡ Transferred to the High Court.

§ Of these 75 are land acquisition cases.

‖ 80 out of these are land acquisition cases.

¶ Of these 708 are enhancement suits, instituted without reference to this office.

** Trasferred to the High Court.

†† The discrepancy is owing to one case having been transferred to the ward's statement.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	789 0 0	.....	.....	789 0 0	.....	246 12 3	1 1 0	34 3 0	282 0 3
	Bankoora	322 12 5	.....	.....	322 12 5	639 1 4	138 10 6	1,053 6 1	4 3 3	1,840 5 2
	Beerbhoom	171 15 0	.....	.....	171 15 0	17 6 8	552 11 0	12 4 0	24 3 6	606 9 2
	Midnapore	114 0 0	.....	.....	114 0 0	96 3 3	140 15 0	1,186 12 3	48 12 6	1,472 11 0
	Hooghly	1,31,072 14 0	.....	.....	1,31,072 14 0	.....	2,365 0 0	277 1 6	0 8 3	2,642 9 9
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	18,474 13 1	.....	2 9 0	18,477 6 1	.....	.....	539 5 9	738 9 6	1,277 15 3
	Nuddea	50 10 6	.....	.....	50 10 6	.....	.....	22 14 0	17 4 9	40 2 9
	Jessore	.....	1,119 4 0	.....	1,119 4 0	.....	.....	34 1 9	600 0 0	634 1 9
	Moorshedabad ...	1,891 9 6	.....	.....	1,891 9 6	.....	1,553 1 1	.....	.....	1,553 1 1
	Soonderbuns ...	65 9 9	.....	.....	65 9 9	.....	.....	137 7 0	14 13 3	152 4 3
Rajshahye	Rajshahye	71 0 0	.....	.....	71 0 0	.....	.....	93 1 0	.....	93 1 0
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 0 0	50 0 0	67 0 0
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 2 0	.....	24 2 0
	Pubna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	453 13 0	502 9 2	.....	956 6 2
Dacca	Dacca	291 0 0	.....	.....	291 0 0	.....	121 6 9	471 5 6	9 12 9	602 9 0
	Backergunge ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	967 15 7	89 11 9	1,057 11 4
	Mymensingh ...	165 6 0	.....	.....	165 6 0	433 14 1	127 14 3	96 12 0	.....	658 8 4
	Tipperah	384 0 0	.....	.....	384 0 0	.....	360 8 0	478 12 3	206 9 10	1,045 14 1
	Furreedpore ...	589 6 6	.....	.....	589 6 6	.....	722 13 6	477 9 8	.....	1,200 7 2
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	264 11 8	.....	.....	264 11 8	34 15 6	141 14 3	539 0 6	4 12 6	720 10 9
	Noakholly	2,674 0 0	.....	.....	2,674 0 0	.....	336 5 8	1,660 14 0	8 12 0	2,005 15 8
Patna	Patna	211 0 10	.....	.....	211 0 10	3,774 15 11	.....	1 14 3	144 1 6	3,920 15 8
	Mozufferpore ...	480 8 11	.....	.....	480 8 11	.....	.....	233 14 6	.....	233 14 6
	Durbhunga ...	294 2 3	.....	.....	294 2 3	57 8 0	3,462 3 3	18 2 9	13 9 3	3,351 7 3
	Gya	194 13 0	.....	.....	194 13 0	.....	52 1 6	42 0 4	9 14 0	103 15 10
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300 0 0	3 12 6	303 12 6
	Shahabad	1,170 0 0	.....	.....	1,170 0 0	.....	.....	1,578 15 3	.....	1,578 15 3
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore ...	103 10 6	.....	.....	103 10 6	.....	.....	2 12 0	635 4 6	638 0 6
	Monghyr	138 2 0	.....	.....	138 2 0	.....	.....	1 0 6	174 6 6	175 7 0
	Maldah	14 13 0	.....	.....	14 13 0	35 10 8	495 6 10	113 9 6	8 0 0	652 10 7
Orissa	Cuttack	0 8 3	.....	.....	0 8 3	.....	.....	0 8 3	.....	0 8 3
	Balasore	118 0 0	.....	.....	118 0 0	.....	2 0 0	.....	8 1 3	10 1 3
	Pooree	448 0 0	.....	.....	448 0 0	.....	.....	13 13 0	10 1 3	23 14 3
Chota Nagpore.	Hazareebagh ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93 6 3	.....	.....	93 6 3
	Manbhoom	604 0 0	.....	.....	604 0 0	.....	813 5 9	317 5 9	16 0 0	1,146 11 6
	Total ...	1,61,170 7 2	1,119 4 0	2 9 0	1,62,292 4 2	5,089 11 0	12,180 4 10	11,222 7 1	2,875 7 7	31,367 14 6

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1877.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan ...	654 0 0	.....	.....	830 0 0	77 0 0	45 0 0	1,484 0 0	77 0 0	45 0 0
	Baukoora ...	3,204 7 4	2,140 3 9	41 2 0	374 13 11	339 10 9	20 2 3	3,579 5 3	2,479 14 6	61 4 3
	Beerbhoom ...	545 14 2	0 0 10	17 9 0	964 7 5	106 14 8	21 9 0	1,510 5 7	106 15 6	39 2 0
	Midnapore ...	681 0 0	302 0 0	142 0 0	9 0 0	36 0 0	5 0 0	690 0 0	338 0 0	147 0 0
	Hooghly	1,60,000 0 0*	.....	6,346 9 0	.....	1 11 3	35 0 6	1,60,000 0 0	1 11 3	6,381 9 6
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	4,45,358 12 4	73,969 11 4	25 1 6	332 4 9	32,631 9 5	3 1 3	4,45,691 1 1	1,06,601 4 9	28 2
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 3 9	74 3 0	.....	2 3 9	74 3 0
	Jessore	24 11 0	.....	1,119 4 0	.....	.....	.....	24 11 0	.....	1,119 4 0
	Moorshedabad ...	13 0 6	.....	.....	1,722 8 9	44 5 10	610 9 5	1,735 9 3	44 5 10	610 9 5
	Scouderbuns ...	.....	.....	.....	137 14 9	1 1 3	13 5 3	137 14 9	1 1 3	13 5 3
Rajshahye	Rajshahye ...	.....	.....	35 12 0	729 4 3	43 7 3	1,351 10 9	729 4 3	43 7 3	1,387 6 9
	Dinagepore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	.....	3 0 0
	Pubna	.....	.....	926 13 2	.....	33 11 4	9 9 0	.....	33 11 4	936 6 2
Dacca	Dacca	990 0 0	516 0 0	94 0 0	244 0 0	125 0 0	25 0 0	1,234 0 0	641 0 0	119 0 0
	Backergunge ...	599 0 0	.....	.....	46 0 0	123 0 0	50 0 0	645 0 0	123 0 0	50 0 0
	Mymensingh ...	522 13 0	47 0 6	6 2 9	5,709 7 1	259 1 0	97 2 0	6,232 4 1	306 1 6	103 4 9
	Tipperah	1,002 0 0	.....	18 0 0	80 0 0	45 0 0	51 0 0	1,082 0 0	45 0 0	69 0 0
	Furreedpore ...	145 5 6	0 0 9	2 10 3	511 8 11	28 13 9	30 11 9	656 14 5	28 14 6	33 6 0
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	62 5 6	0 10 0	3 10 9	187 2 3	6 2 8	4 12 6	249 7 9	6 12 8	8 7 3
	Noakholly ...	.....	.....	525 0 0†	.....	281 0 0	3,566 0 0	.....	281 0 0	4,091 0 0
Patna	Patna	.....	0 6 0	253 13 6‡	100 0 0	23 3 3	75 15 9	100 0 0	23 9 3	329 13 3
	Mozufferpore ...	5,340 2 11	1,161 9 2	89 5 3	513 14 6	340 3 4	98 4 9	5,854 1 5	1,501 12 6	187 10 0
	Durbhunga ...	60 15 3	.....	.....	313 1 1	19 14 3	13 9 3	374 0 4	19 14 3	13 9 3
	Gya	348 2 8	0 4 6	307 6 0	204 3 6	10 11 0	25 4 3	552 6 2	10 15 6	332 10 3
	Shahabad ...	7,867 0 0	.....	78 0 0	2,038 0 0	239 0 0	65 0 0	9,905 0 0	239 0 0	143 0 0
	Chumparun ...	.....§	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore ...	1,157 0 0	70 0 0	10 0 0	0 4 0	.....	.....	1,157 4 0	70 0 0	10 0 0
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 10 0	136 8 0	.....	1 10 0	136 8 0
	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 13 0	.....	.....	20 13 0
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 8 3	.....	.....	0 8 3
	Balasore	.....	.....	2 7 8‖	81 10 0	0 6 1	33 8 3	87 10 0	0 6 1	35 15 11
	Pooree	.....	38 0 0	410 0 0	.....	1 0 0	59 0 0	.....	39 0 0	469 0 0
Chota Nagpore.	Hazareebagh ...	.....	.....	.....	358 0 0	23 0 0	44 0 0	358 0 0	23 0 0	44 0 0
	Manbhoom ...	7,263 0 0	128 0 0	72 0 0	2,868 0 0	441 0 0	102 0 0	10,131 0 0	569 0 0	174 0 0
	Total ...	6,35,839 10 2	78,373 14 10	10,526 10 10	18,355 9 2	35,335 12 10	6,691 2	6,54,195 3 4	1,13,709 11 8	17,217 15 0

* This balance was not shown by the Collector in his statement of 1876-77.

† The discrepancy is owing to mistake in the last year's statement.

‡ The discrepancy is owing to 9 pie having been struck out of the statement, as it was not included in the decree.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

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in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1878.

Realized during 1877-78.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
667 0 0	77 0 0	45 0 0	317 0 0	.....	.....	463 0 0	.....	.....	354 0 0	.....	.....
270 1 4	34 9 1	18 2 0	3,309 3 11	2,445 5 5	43 2 3	.....	.....	.....	3,309 3 11	2,445 5 5	43 2 3
155 14 6	4 4 0	11 12 6	1,354 7 1	102 11 6	27 5 6	.....	.....	.....	1,354 7 1	102 11 6	27 5 6
107 0 0	.....	7 0 0	583 0 0	388 0 0	140 0 0	14 0 0	.....	.....	569 0 0	388 0 0	140 0 0
1,31,000 0 0	1 11 3	71 2 9	29,000 0 0	.....	6,310 6 9	.....	.....	.....	29,000 0 0	.....	6,310 6 9
74 1 10	18,387 12 6	15 7 9	4,45,616 15 3	88,213 8 3	12 11 0	.....	.....	.....	4,45,616 15 3	88,213 8 3	12 11 0
.....	1 7 9	49 3 0	.....	0 12 0	25 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	0 12 0	25 0 0
.....	.....	1,119 4 0	24 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 11 0	.....	.....
1,238 8 9	44 5 10	608 10 11	497 0 6	.....	1 14 6	.....	.....	.....	497 0 6	.....	1 14 6
51 3 3	1 1 3	13 5 3	86 11 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 11 6	.....	.....
.....	.....	71 0 0	729 4 3	43 7 3	1,316 6 9	.....	.....	.....	729 4 3	43 7 3	1,316 6 9
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0
.....	.....	.....	.....	33 11 4	936 6 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 11 4	936 6 2
212 0 0	35 0 0	44 0 0	1,022 0 0	606 0 0	75 0 0	.....	12 0 0	.....	1,022 0 0	594 0 0	75 0 0
.....	.....	.....	645 0 0	123 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....	.....	645 0 0	123 0 0	50 0 0
133 4 0	4 12 0	27 6 0	6,099 0 1	301 5 6	75 14 9	.....	.....	.....	6,099 0 1	301 5 6	75 14 9
340 0 0	14 0 0	30 0 0	742 0 0	31 0 0	39 0 0	.....	.....	.....	742 0 0	31 0 0	39 0 0
527 2 0	28 14 6	33 6 0	129 12 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129 12 5	.....	.....
249 7 9	6 12 8	8 7 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	281 0 0	2,396 0 0	.....	.....	1,698 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,698 0 0
100 0 0	5 9 4	105 7 6	.....	17 15 11	224 5 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 15 11	224 5 9
336 4 0	19 8 11	94 12 0	5,487 13 5	1,482 3 7	92 14 0	.....	.....	.....	5,487 13 5	1,482 3 7	92 14 0
292 1 3	2 1 0	.....	81 15 1	17 13 3	13 9 3	.....	.....	.....	81 15 1	17 13 3	13 9 3
168 7 3	10 15 6	15 6 3	383 14 11	.....	317 4 0	.....	.....	.....	383 14 11	.....	317 4 0
861 0 0	239 0 0	70 0 0	9,044 0 0	.....	73 0 0	.....	.....	.....	9,044 0 0	.....	73 0 0
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
99 0 0	.....	4 10 6	1,058 4 0	70 0 0	5 5 6	.....	.....	.....	1,058 4 0	70 0 0	5 5 6
.....	1 10 0	136 8 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	14 13 0	.....	.....	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 0 0
.....	.....	0 8 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
81 10 0	0 6 1	35 15 12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	38 0 0	410 0 0	.....	1 0 0	59 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	59 0 0
.....	.....	.....	358 0 0	23 0 0	44 0 0	.....	.....	.....	358 0 0	23 0 0	44 0 0
519 0 0	69 0 0	16 0 0	9,612 0 0	500 0 0	158 0 0	136 0 0	20 0 0	21 0 0	9,476 0 0	480 0 0	137 0 0
1,37,513 1 11	19,308 13 8	5,470 4 10	5,16,682 1 5	94,400 14 0	11,747 10 2	613 0 0	32 0 0	21 0 0	5,16,069 1 5	94,368 14 0	11,726 10 2

§ The balance of last year was on account of pauper suits.

‖ The discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the Collector's return of last year.

in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1878.

I.

General Abstract Statement of suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1877-78.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.										
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number of suits instituted from the 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number pending on the 31st March 1877.	Number instituted from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Remanded. Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Remanded. Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1878.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cost twice.
1. High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*53	39	92	15	19	3	3	1	...	...	1	...	5	47	45	3
2. Burdwan ...	4	6	10	2	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	7	3	3	8	11	5	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	2
4. Beerbhoom ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5. Midnapore ...	...	6	6	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	5	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	†1	...	1	...	...
6. Hooghly	12	70	82	78	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	82	...	‡...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7. 24-Pergunnahs ...	2	244	246	218	4	11	2	...	...	3	...	238	8	...	6	6	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	5	1	1
8. Nuddea	2	161	163	150	1	2	...	1	1	4	...	159	4	6	3	9	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	3	...
9. Jessore§	1	543	544	513	5	6	2	...	...	3	1	530	14	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
10. Moorshedabad ...	1	239	240	214	1	21	...	...	...	2	...	238	2	1	5	6	...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	1
11. Dinagepore ...	...	2	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
12. Rajshahye ...	5	29	34	23	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	9	4	2	6	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...
13. Rungpore ...	2	176	178	162	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	163	15	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...
14. Pubna	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15. Bogra	18	57	75	50	11	3	...	...	...	...	...	64	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16. Julpigoree ...	...	||332	332	332	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18. Dacca	3	8	11	1	1	2	3	...	1	...	1	9	2	1	2	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1
19. Furreedpore ...	20	10	30	18	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	25	5	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
20. Backergunge ...	...	8	8	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
21. Mymensingh ...	3	228	231	141	4	43	9	1	2	...	...	200	31	3	32	35	2	7	15	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	31	4	15
22. Tipperah	3	28	31	18	6	1	2	...	...	...	1	28	3	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
23. Chittagong ...	1	81	82	65	5	8	3	...	...	...	...	81	1	5	7	12	1	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	6
24. Noakholly ...	24	350	374	326	9	2	5	...	2	...	...	344	30	¶7	5	12	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	7	...
26. Patna	2	10	12	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	9	4	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...
27. Sarun	...	32	32	17	1	...	5	...	3	...	...	26	6	4	2	6	...	1	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...
28. Gya	**2	1	3	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	9	9	4	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	2
29. Shahabad ...	4	68	72	57	6	4	1	...	...	...	1	69	3	6	9	15	1	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	8	1
30. Mozufferpore ...	40	1,187	1,227	784	8	27	4	...	...	72	5	900	327	6	16	22	2	4	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	9	13	1
31. Monghyr	4	70	74	38	13	2	2	12	...	...	...	67	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32. Bhagulpore ...	1	35	36	29	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	36	...	3	47	50	6	6	5	24	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	9	5
33. Maldah	...	26	26	23	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34. Purneah	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
35. Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
36. Pooree	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38. Hazareebagh ...	...	35	35	22	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	26	9	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
39. Manbhoom ...	2	3	5	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	††	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40. Lohardugga ...	...	53	53	48	...	2	...	1	...	2	...	53	...	...	13	13	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	4	...
Total ...	157	4,104	4,261	3,340	93	152	51	15	11	87	9	3,758	503	110	223	333	44	80	38	34	10	...	...	3	4	5	218	115	38

* The discrepancy is owing to some estates having been released from the management of the Court of Wards, the cases connected with which were left out of the statement.

† Transferred to the High Court.

‡ Statement of appeal cases has not been sent by the Government Pleader.

§ The Government pleader has not submitted his statement in a complete form.

|| All these are bond suits.

¶ The discrepancy is owing to an estate having been released from the management of the Court of Wards.

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†† The pending case has been transferred to the file of Judicial Commissioner of Chota Nagpore.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Court from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursement.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeal.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Midnapore ...	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	† 2,635 0 0	.....	.....	2,635 0 0	.....	383 12 0	308 14 9	.....	84 13 9	777 8 6
	Nuddea	9,454 1 0	.....	.....	9,454 1 0	.....	1,520 14 3	239 0 3	.....	831 12 4	2,591 10 10
	Jessore	† 12,669 11 0	.....	15,967 0 0	28,636 11 0	19 5 5	5,449 7 11	194 4 6	.....	810 12 11	6,473 14 9
	Moorshedabad ...	10,160 5 0	.....	.....	10,160 5 0	.....	2,730 11 7	17 0 6	.....	.....	2,747 12 1
Rajshahye	Rajshahye ...	7,148 0 0	.....	64 0 0	7,248 0 0	24 0 0	1,783 0 0	110 14 9	.....	.....	1,917 14 9
	Dinagepore ...	1,177 0 0	.....	74 0 0	1,251 0 0	.....	1,091 2 9	.....	.....	87 2 4	1,178 5 1
	Rungpore	6,332 0 0	.....	.....	6,332 0 0	.....	2,056 10 5	69 6 0	.....	47 4 9	2,173 5 2
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	156 1 5	.....	.....	.....	156 1 5
Cooch Behar	Julpigoree ...	690 6 10	.....	.....	690 6 10	.....	2,653 15 0	.....	.....	.....	2,653 15 0
Dacca	Dacca	2,334 0 0	.....	.....	2,334 0 0	.....	25 3 0	148 1 2	.....	48 0 0	221 4 2
	Backergunge ...	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Mymensingh ...	48 8 0	.....	7,207 9 4	7,256 1 4	.....	3,728 15 8	2,335 9 0	.....	3,681 13 6	10,246 6 2
	Tipperah	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Furreedpore ...	*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	4,022 1 6	.....	.....	4,022 1 6	31,543 4 9	2,511 0 6	325 3 11	.....	608 9 9	34,988 2 11
	Noakholly... ...	130 0 0	.....	9,081 0 0	9,211 0 0	.....	2,040 15 0	132 2 8	.....	1,833 15 0	4,007 0 3
Patna	Patna	1,292 15 11	.....	.....	1,292 15 11	14 13 4	84 10 0	24 13 0	.....	1 0 0	125 4 4
	Mozufferpore ...	70,413 10 9	.....	.....	70,413 10 9	.....	17,600 11 1	565 8 6	.....	4,321 6 5	22,487 10 0
	Durbhunga ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 13 3	.....	7 8 3	18 5 6
	Gya	12 8 0	.....	.....	12 8 0	.....	2 12 6	291 0 8	.....	0 0 6	293 13 8
	Sarun	500 0 0	.....	.....	500 0 0	.....	868 8 4	79 15 6	863 7 2	13,232 9 0	15,044 8 0
	Shahabad	1,013 5 8	.....	871 3 3	1,884 8 11	.....	456 9 6	132 11 3	.....	495 12 6	1,085 1 3
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore ...	40,140 13 5	.....	.....	40,140 13 5	.....	1,598 9 3	.....	.....	131 13 9	1,730 7 0
	Monghyr	.....	.....	200 0 0	200 0 0	.....	77 9 0	6 0 0	.....	13 3 3	96 12 3
	Maldah	1,387 0 0	.....	.....	1,387 0 0	.....	97 0 1	.....	.....	169 4 0	266 4 1
	Purneah	23,365 13 1	2,15,643 2 9	.....	2,39,008 15 10	.....	6,777 13 3	265 9 3	.....	651 0 0	7,694 6 6
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	67,000 0 0	.....	82 0 0	.....	.....	67,082 0 0
	Pooree	336 0 0	.....	1,195 0 0	1,531 0 0	.....	103 8 9	.....	.....	.....	103 8 9
Chota Nagpore.	Hazareebagh ...	396 9 6	.....	2,274 4 8	2,670 14 2	.....	906 14 2	2 15 3	.....	1,654 10 5	2,564 7 10
	Manbhoom ...	95 0 0	.....	.....	95 0 0	.....	705 7 3	178 5 9	.....	.....	883 13 0
	Lohardugga ...	3,135 2 3	.....	18,435 13 8	21,570 15 11	.....	560 3 6	15,043 12 8	.....	1,910 13 10	17,514 14 0
	Total ...	1,98,925 15 11	2,15,643 2 9	55,369 14 11	4,69,939 1 7	98,601 7 6	55,972 2 2	21,064 2 2	863 7 2	20,623 6 3	2,07,124 9 3

* These Collectors have not sent in their statements although repeatedly reminded.
† The Collectors have not sent their statements in a complete form.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1877.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan ...	*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Midnapore ...	*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	†3,774 0 0	†985 0 0	†807 0 0	1,434 0 0	745 0 0	297 0 0	5,208 0 0	1,730 0 0	1,104 0 0
	Nuddea ...	5,698 12 0	1,593 14 9	2,738 1 6	5,765 10 6	1,153 1 9	1,661 5 3	14,404 6 0	2,747 0 6	4,399 6 9
	Jessore ...	‡17,282 9 9	‡6,458 13 3	‡4,766 6 9	21,441 12 0	6,836 1 9	7,187 12 3	38,724 6 3	12,494 15 0	11,954 3 0
	Moorshedabad ...	24,988 11 10	7,605 0 3	4,248 6 8	18,304 8 0	4,036 8 3	2,591 0 0	43,193 3 10	11,641 8 6	3,839 0 8
Rajshahye	Rajshahye ...	§20,951 0 0	636 0 0	1,353 0 0	3,767 0 0	36 0 0	51 0 0	25,718 0 0	672 0 0	1,409 0 0
	Dinagepore ...	3,173 0 0	1,269 0 0	1,222 0 0	1,346 0 0	1,928 0 0	420 0 0	4,519 0 0	3,197 0 0	1,642 0 0
	Rungpore ...	§5,552 0 0	166 0 0	553 0 0	5,993 0 0	63 0 0	146 0 0	11,545 0 0	229 0 0	699 0 0
Cooch Behar	Julpigoree ...	1,163 12 0	193 12 0	201 12 7	6,786 8 5	1,570 7 6	2,337 11 4	7,950 4 5	1,773 2 6	2,542 7 11
Dacca	Dacca ...	5,703 0 0	263 0 0	88 0 0	251 0 0	259 0 0	32 0 0	5,954 0 0	521 0 0	120 0 0
	Backergunge ...	*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Mymensingh ...	4,349 11 9	1,464 4 2	6,216 15 2	6,038 5 1	2,315 12 8	2,790 7 7	10,386 0 10	3,680 0 10	9,007 6 9
	Tipperah ...	*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Furreedpore ...	*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	13,061 3 11	2,097 6 3	1,211 8 9	3,861 15 11	875 12 10	554 6 7	16,923 3 10	2,973 3 6	1,765 15 4
	Noakholly ...	3,467 0 0‖	736 0 0	2,731 0 0	8,920 0 0	2,667 0 0	3,691 0 0	12,387 0 0	3,403 0 0	6,422 0 0
Patna	Patna ...	198 1 1	247 12 6	821 11 11	150 13 11	77 13 9	360 2 3	348 15 0	325 10 3	1,181 14 2
	Mozufferpore ...	5,31,214 5 6	4,30,009 4 0	97,887 13 9	1,16,474 15 4	31,471 1 0	16,098 7 10	6,47,689 4 10	4,61,480 5 0	1,13,986 5 7
	Durbhunga ...	1,878 2 0	415 5 7	308 1 5	.....	.....	.....	1,878 2 0	415 5 7	308 1 5
	Gya ...	2,349 3 0	1,013 0 5	744 7 10	516 4 0	53 1 10	45 15 2	2,859 7 0	1,066 2 3	790 7 0
	Sarun ...	53 8 0	.....	3,701 3 2	1,320 13 0	543 15 7	308 1 0	1,379 6 0	543 15 7	4,009 4 2
	Shahabad ...	16,323 15 7	3,881 12 8	1,352 8 11	2,044 4 10	850 1 7	788 2 4	18,368 4 5	4,731 14 3	2,140 11 3
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore ...	33,367 6 3	5,615 8 7	3,994 10 6	19,036 0 0	3,923 1 10	1,650 14 5	52,403 6 3	9,538 10 5	5,645 8 11
	Monghyr ...	§398 0 0	148 0 0	146 0 0	376 0 0	139 0 0	103 0 0	774 0 0	252 0 0	249 0 0
	Maldah ...	9,714 0 0	963 0 0	2,198 0 0	265 0 0	51 0 0	210 0 0	9,979 0 0	1,014 0 0	2,318 0 0
	Purneah ...	24,191 10 5	2,199 0 5	4,170 1 9	1,43,027 8 9	48,503 14 9	49,856 0 3	1,67,219 3 2	50,701 15 2	54,026 2 0
Orissa ...	Pooree ...	.....	.....	.....	1,037 0 0	27 0 0	467 0 0	1,037 0 0	27 0 0	467 0 0
Chota Nagpore.	Hazareebagh ...	11,987 13 11	2,322 5 10	3,141 1 3	3,198 15 8	773 4 3	2,427 5 5	14,278 15 7	3,095 10 1	5,568 6 8
	Manbhoom ...	1,421 0 0	92 0 0	14 0 0	88 0 0	55 0 0	56 0 0	1,509 0 0	147 0 0	70 0 0
	Lohardugga ...	23,427 11 2	5,898 7 5	2,058 10 11	17,200 4 2	4,447 0 9	2,697 2 11	40,627 15 4	10,345 8 2	4,755 13 10
	Total ...	7,64,789 12 2	4,76,238 11 6	1,45,683 4 4	3,91,971 12 7	1,12,513 4 1	96,727 13 1	11,55,861 8 9	5,88,751 15 7	2,40,411 3 5

* These Collectors have not sent in their statements although repeated reminders were sent to them.

† The discrepancy is owing to the Satkhira statement not having been sent by the Collector.

‡ The discrepancy is owing to the Collector not having sent in his statement of several estates.

§ The discrepancy is owing to addition of new estates and removal of some from the hands of the Court of Wards.

‖ The discrepancy is owing to the Collector not having sent in his statement of the Paikpara estate.

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1878.

Realized during 1877-78.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,998 0 0	180 0 0	457 0 0	3,210 0 0	1,550 0 0	647 0 0	652 0 0	811 0 0	225 0 0	2,558 0 0	739 0 0	422 0 0
5,716 15 9	1,352 15 6	2,384 1 9	5,687 6 3	1,394 1 9	2,915 5 9	116 0 0	167 0 0	33 0 0	5,571 6 3	1,227 1 9	1,982 5 0
13,147 13 6	2,981 7 9	4,497 6 3	25,576 9 3	9,513 7 3	7,546 12 9	.....	.....	1,410 0 0	25,576 9 3	9,513 7 3	6,136 12 9
7,977 5 9	1,496 13 9	686 1 6	35,215 14 1	10,144 10 9	3,152 15 2	.....	.....	.....	35,215 14 1	10,144 10 9	3,152 15 2
6,586 0 0	88 0 0	574 0 0	18,132 0 0	584 0 0	835 0 0	170 0 0	43 0 0	.....	17,962 0 0	541 0 0	835 0 0
734 8 9	91 6 0	429 0 0	3,785 9 0	3,106 0 0	1,216 0 0	36 0 0	.....	.....	3,755 9 0	3,106 0 0	1,216 0 0
6,053 0 0	8 0 0	271 0 0	5,492 0 0	221 0 0	428 0 0	.....	.....	.....	5,492 0 0	221 0 0	428 0 0
510 12 0	92 8 6	88 2 4	7,439 8 5	1,680 10 0	2,454 5 7	.....	.....	.....	7,439 8 5	1,680 10 0	2,454 5 7
1,741 0 0	505 0 0	88 0 0	4,213 0 0	16 0 0	32 0 0	.....	.....	.....	4,213 0 0	16 0 0	32 0 0
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4,243 13 3	1,049 11 7	1,962 8 6	6,144 3 7	2,630 5 3	7,044 14 3	5 0 0	3 11 0	10 0 0	6,139 3 7	2,626 10 3	7,034 14 3
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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3,401 3 6	266 5 0	354 8 0	13,522 0 4	2,706 13 6	1,411 7 4	33 12 6	9 11 1	20 5 3	13,488 3 10	2,697 2 5	1,391 2 1
5,150 0 0	1,190 0 0	2,871 0 0	7,237 0 0	2,213 0 0	3,551 0 0	578 0 0	139 0 0	335 0 0	6,659 0 0	2,074 0 0	3,216 0 0
209 1 6	267 15 6	815 14 10	139 13 6	57 10 9	365 15 4	.....	.....	.....	139 13 6	57 10 9	365 15 4
62,147 0 8	9,563 10 9	8,702 15 8	5,85,542 4 2	4,51,916 10 3	1,05,283 5 11	79,662 12 6	1,02,663 5 8	27,632 4 1	5,05,879 7 8	3,49,253 4 7	77,651 1 10
.....	.....	.....	1,873 2 0	415 5 7	308 1 5	.....	.....	.....	1,873 2 0	415 5 7	308 1 5
12 8 0	.....	.....	2,846 15 0	1,066 2 3	790 7 0	375 5 3	50 12 9	73 0 0	2,471 9 9	1,006 5 6	717 7 0
540 0 0	.....	.....	879 6 0	543 15 7	4,099 4 2	700 0 0	492 10 0	318 12 11	179 6 0	51 5 7	3,780 7 3
1,052 11 8	125 9 11	706 3 4	17,315 8 9	4,606 4 4	1,434 7 11	.....	16 8 3	.....	17,315 8 9	4,589 12 1	1,434 7 11
34,541 4 6	2,584 13 11	3,014 11 0	17,862 1 9	6,958 12 6	2,630 13 11	992 3 0	21 12 6	83 4 3	16,869 14 9	6,937 0 0	2,547 9 8
.....	167 0 0	63 0 0	774 6 6	115 9 0	186 8 0	376 8 0	111 0 0	77 0 0	398 0 6	4 9 0	109 0 8
1,183 0 0	34 0 0	170 0 0	8,796 0 0	990 0 0	2,148 0 0	8,481 0 0	879 0 0	1,534 0 0	315 0 0	101 0 0	614 0 0
1,41,432 7 8	48,798 1 11	48,783 6 3	28,386 11 6	1,908 13 3	5,242 11 0	.....	79 0 0	.....	28,386 11 6	1,829 13 3	5,242 11 0
1,037 0 0	27 0 0	467 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,275 8 10	442 2 7	953 2 9	13,003 6 9	2,653 7 6	4,015 3 11	298 0 0	.....	57 0 5	12,705 6 9	2,653 7 6	4,558 3 3
78 0 0	14 0 0	3 0 0	1,431 0 0	133 0 0	67 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,431 0 0	133 0 0	67 0 0
12,429 8 2	5,018 3 5	988 2 1	28,198 7 2	5,327 4 9	3,667 11 9	112 9 2	35 12 9	29 15 3	28,085 14 0	5,291 8 0	3,637 12 6
3,13,153 2 3	76,309 9 1	79,237 4 3	8,42,703 6 6	5,12,442 6 6	1,61,173 15 2	92,582 10 5	1,05,532 4 6	31,833 10 5	7,50,120 12 3	4,06,910 2 6	1,29,335 4 9

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1877.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1877 to 31st March 1878.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	3,346 0 0	.....	45 0 0	2,180 0 0	.....	65 0 0	5,526 0 0	.....	110 0 0
	Bankoora	1,463 8 9	.....	32 7 0	813 0 3	74 6 11	54 7 9	2,277 2 0	74 6 11	86 14 9
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	7 1 0	.....	.....	7 1 0	.....	.....
	Midnapore	6,357 0 0	.....	186 0 0	2,076 0 0	.....	106 0 0	8,463 0 0	.....	292 0 0
	Hooghly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135 4 9	.....	.....	135 4 9
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	5,544 15 6	.....	131 10 3	3,574 6 0	.....	115 11 6	9,119 5 6	.....	247 5 9
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 4 6	.....	.....	27 4 6
	Jessore	1,986 0 0	.....	.....	591 0 0	.....	164 0 0	2,577 0 0	.....	164 0 0
	Moorshedabad	3,050 0 0	.....	3 8 0	1,195 15 0	.....	38 13 6	4,254 15 0	.....	42 5 6
Rajshahye	Rajshahye	.....	.....	381 13 3	.....	.....	663 16 0	.....	.....	1,045 7 3
	Dinagepore	1,240 0 0	.....	4 0 0	.....	.....	36 0 0	1,240 0 0	.....	40 0 0
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	38 9 0	.....	2 0 6	38 9 0	.....	2 0 6
	Pubna	.....	.....	1,626 13 6	.....	.....	368 15 0	.....	.....	1,995 12 6
Dacca	Dacca	3,995 0 0	.....	.....	2,955 0 0	.....	54 0 0	6,950 0 0	.....	54 0 0
	Backergunge	1,333 0 0	71 0 0	31 0 0	400 0 0	10 0 0	45 0 0	1,733 0 0	81 0 0	76 0 0
	Mymensingh	1,397 12 9	.....	39 6 3	3,343 8 0	0 1 0	34 2 6	3,741 4 9	0 1 0	73 8 9
	Tipperah	.....	.....	5 0 0	.....	.....	56 0 0	.....	.....	61 0 0
	Furreedpore	1,023 9 0	.....	45 14 9	.....	.....	.....	1,623 9 0	.....	45 14 9
Chittagong	Chittagong	1,873 12 9	.....	51 10 9	476 12 0	.....	34 15 0	2,350 8 9	.....	86 9 9
Patna	Patna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 11 0	.....	.....	80 11 0
	Mozufferpore	6,744 9 0	.....	65 1 0	.....	.....	.....	6,744 9 0	.....	65 1 0
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 9 9	.....	.....	149 9 9
	Gya	2,783 8 0	.....	.....	1,449 0 0	4 13 9	6 14 9	4,232 8 0	4 13 9	6 14 9
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Chumparun	32 0 0	.....	.....	75 0 0	.....	6 0 0	107 0 0	.....	6 0 0
Bhagulpore	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 1 3	.....	.....	11 1 3
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	38 0 0	.....	.....	38 0 0	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	2,165 0 0	.....	.....	4,128 0 0	.....	17 11 3	6,293 0 0	.....	17 11 3
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Hazareebagh	1,175 0 0	.....	101 0 0	185 0 0	107 0 0	28 0 0	1,360 0 0	107 0 0	129 0 0
	Total	46,149 11 9	71 0 0	2,750 4 3	23,526 12 3	196 4 11	2,241 3 9	69,676 8 0	267 4 11	4,991 8 0

Fort William,

The 2nd September 1878.

Government in Pauper Suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1878.

Realized during 1877-78.			Balance.			Remitted by competent Authority.		Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
2,321 0 0	.....	110 0 0	3,205 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,205 0 0	.....	.....	75 2 3
604 14 0	15 13 0	14 4 6	1,672 4 0	58 9 11	72 10 3	219 0 0	.....	1,453 4 0	58 9 11	72 10 3	54 9 0
7 1 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 12 6
905 0 0	.....	45 0 0	7,538 0 0	.....	247 0 0	1,876 0 0	138 0 0	5,662 0 0	.....	109 0 0	83 13 0
.....	.....	135 4 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 3 3
2,047 6 0	.....	101 13 3	7,071 15 6	.....	145 8 6	2,613 8 3	31 1 9	4,458 7 3	.....	114 6 9	134 4 3
.....	.....	27 4 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 0 0
1,293 0 0	.....	17 0 0	1,374 0 0	.....	87 0 0	315 0 0	33 0 0	1,059 0 0	.....	54 0 0	60 6 3
141 0 0	.....	30 14 0	4,110 15 9	.....	11 7 0	.....	.....	4,110 15 9	.....	11 7 0	.....
.....	.....	385 13 6	.....	.....	459 9 9	.....	97 0 0	.....	.....	362 9 9	.....
394 0 0	.....	.....	936 0 0	.....	40 0 0	.....	.....	936 0 0	.....	40 0 0	41 0 0
38 9 0	.....	2 9 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 9 6
.....	.....	76 15 9	.....	.....	1,924 12 9	.....	1,334 7 3	.....	.....	590 5 6	0 9 3
461 0 0	.....	45 0 0	6,389 0 0	.....	9 0 0	2,036 0 0	.....	4,453 0 0	.....	9 0 0	123 10 6
289 0 0	36 0 0	17 0 0	1,441 0 0	45 0 0	59 0 0	.....	.....	1,444 0 0	45 0 0	59 0 0	83 4 9
1,713 12 0	0 1 0	2 3 0	3,027 8 9	.....	71 5 9	365 4 9	16 13 6	2,662 8 0	.....	54 8 3	32 8 6
.....	.....	13 0 0	.....	.....	48 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	48 0 0	55 7 0
204 15 8	.....	45 14 9	1,418 9 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,418 9 4	.....	.....	126 14 3
676 1 1	.....	28 14 0	1,674 7 8	.....	57 11 9	765 12 9	35 11 0	908 10 11	.....	22 0 0	34 15 0
.....	.....	80 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,347 4 0	.....	19 13 0	5,397 5 0	.....	45 4 0	.....	.....	5,397 5 0	.....	45 4 0	4 1 9
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 9 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 9 0	149 9 0
2,499 0 0	.....	3 14 9	1,733 8 0	4 13 0	3 0 0	1,423 10 0	.....	309 14 0	4 13 0	3 0 0	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 13 8
.....	.....	.....	107 0 0	.....	6 0 0	32 0 0	.....	75 0 0	.....	6 0 0	6 0 0
.....	.....	11 1 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 1 3
.....	.....	.....	38 0 0	.....	.....	38 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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T. T. Allen,

Offg. Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

E. F. M.—Regr. No. 5301—193—6-9-78.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Dated Calcutta, the 22nd October 1878.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1877-78.

Read again—

The Report for the previous year and the orders of Government thereon.

THE report for the year 1877-78 is submitted by the present Officiating Legal Remembrancer, Mr. Allen. At the beginning of the year there were ten appeals pending before the Privy Council, and three more were preferred during the year. Out of these 13 cases, one was decided in favour of Government, and in another it was determined that all further action on the part of Government should be stopped. Eleven cases were pending at the close of the year.

2. The following table exhibits the leading statistical data connected with the disposal of civil suits in which Government was concerned during the year:—

	Cases.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
APPEALS	*Before High Court*			
	Decided in favour of Government ...	15	19	25
	Ditto against Government ...	2	3	1
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	8	9	4
	Total ...	25	31	30
	Before Lower Courts.			
	Decided in favour of Government ...	32	82	35
	Ditto against Government ...	11	10	10
	Compromised or withdrawn ...	14	7	3*
	Total ...	57	99	48
ORIGINAL CASES	Decided in favour of Government ...	206	151	357
	Ditto against Government ...	27	74	60
	Compromised or withdrawn	24	256	8
	Total ...	257	481	425
TOTAL	Decided in favour of Government ...	253	252	417
	Ditto against Government ...	40	87	71
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	46	272	15
	GRAND TOTAL ...	339	611	503

* Omitting four cases transferred to the High Court.

3. The attention of the Legal Remembrancer was last year drawn to the necessity of showing by whom the cases compromised, remanded, or withdrawn were originally instituted, in order to arrive at a correct estimate of the amount of success attending Government litigation. Mr. Allen has given the required information in the statements at the end of the report, and also in some instances in the body of the report; but he states that it is impossible, in calculating the percentages, to bring in the results of cases which were not contested throughout, without introducing confusion and figures altogether misleading. Why it should be impossible to take all the cases into consideration in order to calculate the percentage of successful cases does not appear, and the Legal Remembrancer has himself adopted the plan suggested with regard to each particular class of cases without any confusing or misleading results. When the total number of cases compromised, remanded, or withdrawn is only 15, it is of little consequence whether these cases are omitted or included in calculating the percentage of successful cases; but when, as in 1876-77, there were 272 cases not contested throughout, their exclusion makes it impossible to estimate correctly the success of Government litigation. All that is required is that the Legal Remembrancer should treat the general statement of cases

in the same way as he has this year treated the statements of cases before the High Court and the lower appellate courts and the statement of original cases. There is no difficulty in calculating the percentage of successful cases, both including and excluding cases that are not contested throughout. Of the 15 cases compromised, remanded or withdrawn, nine should, it appears, be regarded as adverse to Government. Of the total number of cases, the percentage in favour of Government was 84·1; excluding the 15 cases compromised, remanded or withdrawn, it was 85·5.

4. Of the 60 original cases decided against Government, 17 were ghatwali cases in the district of Bankoora. Ghatwals who had been dismissed by the Magistrate sued for the recovery of their offices and service lands, and the local courts decided adversely to Government. Since the close of the year a most important judgment regarding the terms on which ghatwals hold their service lands has been given by the High Court on an appeal preferred by Government against the decision of the Judge of Bankoora in 1876. In this case one Poran Sing, a sirdar ghatwal, was on the 22nd of February 1873 dismissed from his situation, and his dismissal, having been confirmed by the Magistrate of the district, was finally upheld by the Commissioner. The ghatwali lands of which he had, while sirdar ghatwal, been in possession were taken from him and made over to his successor. The plaintiff then sued to recover possession of the lands of which he had been deprived, and the District Judge gave a decree in his favour, while acknowledging the authority of the Magistrate to allow the plaintiff to perform, or to prohibit him from performing, the duties of ghatwal. This decision has now been reversed by the Judges of the High Court, who have decided that the plaintiff, as sirdar ghatwal, was liable to be ejected by the Magistrate from the ghatwali tenure on being dismissed from the post of ghatwal, and that he has no right to be reinstated in the ghatwali land unless the executive authorities condone his conduct and restore him to his situation.

5. The result of litigation in which the Court of Wards was interested during the past three years was as follows:—

	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.
Decided in favour of wards	1,551	1,884	3,557
Ditto against wards	325	275	225
Compromised, withdrawn or remanded ...	112	82	144
Total ...	1,988	2,241	3,926

Of the 144 cases that were compromised, withdrawn or remanded, the result of 107 was adverse to Government. The total number of cases under trial in 1877-78 was 4,595, against 2,526 in the previous year. This great increase was due to a large number of suits for arrears of rent having been instituted by the Durbhunga Raj and in the districts of Moorshedabad, Jessore, Mymensingh and Noakholly, and to a number of suits on bonds brought on behalf of the minor Rajah of Cooch Behar.

6. The amount realized during the year on account of Government decrees was Rs. 1,43,905, or 19 per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 7,52,492. No portion of the large outstanding balance under a decree against the Port Canning Municipality was recovered during the year. Excluding the sum due under this decree, it appears that the amount realized during the year was 61 per cent. of the total demand, against 53 per cent. in 1876-77 and only 17 per cent. in 1875-76. The outstandings are largest in Bankoora, Hooghly, Mymensingh, Mozufferpore, Shahabad, and Manbhoom. In Bankoora, Mymensingh, and Mozufferpore considerable sums are said to be irrecoverable, as the judgment-debtors have no property. These amounts should be reported for remission. Of the total outstandings in the Mymensingh district, more than half have been realized since the close of the year. Nearly the whole of the balances in Hooghly, and the greater portion of those in Shahabad and Manbhoom, are due on decrees against which appeals have been filed.

7. Of the sum of Rs. 19,85,023, the total balance due under decrees in favour of wards' estates, Rs. 4,68,704, or 23 per cent., was realized during the year, against 14 per cent. in 1876-77 and 12 per cent. in 1875-76. Comparing the sum realized with the amount decreed during the year, it appears that 78 per

cent. was realized, against 61 per cent. in 1876-77 and 57 per cent. in 1875-76. The recoveries, both on account of decrees in favour of Government and on account of decrees in favour of the Court of Wards, were very satisfactory in comparison with the recoveries of the previous three years. The returns showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of the Court of Wards was realized have been furnished in an incomplete form by the Collectors of the 24-Pergunnahs, Jessore, and Noakholly; while the Collectors of Burdwan, Midnapore, Backergunge, Tipperah, and Furreedpore have altogether omitted to send their statements, although repeatedly reminded. The Lieutenant-Governor must insist on these statements being punctually furnished to the Legal Remembrancer, so that he may be able to submit his report to Government shortly after the close of the year. The five Collectors last named will be called upon to explain their neglect to furnish the required returns.

ORDER.—Ordered, that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information and guidance.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

HORACE A. COCKERELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 4090.

COPY of the above Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information and guidance.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. M. KISCH,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 22nd October 1878.

C. H. L.—Reg. No. 7000—23-10-78.

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FROM J. O'KINEALY, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Fort William, the 28th June 1879.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which the Government was engaged during 1878-79.

2. At the close of last year there were 11 appeals pending in the Privy Council; one was instituted during the year under report; in all 12 appeals, the details of which are given in the margin.

Pending.
1 to 5.—Radha Prosad Sing *vs.* Government.
6.—Burra Lall Oopendra Nath Sahee *vs.* Chota Nagpore Estate.
7.—Desputty Sing *vs.* Banee Prosad.
8.—Bissessur Lall Sahoo *vs.* Raj Durbhunga.
9.—Chucker Sarun Narain Sing (lunatic) *vs.* Roop Monjoori.
10 and 11.—Rajah Leelanund Sing *vs.* Raj Durbhunga.

New institution.
12.—Mr. Lingham *vs.* Narail Estate.

3. The five Government cases in which Radha Prosad Sing, the Maharajah at Dumraon, appealed to the Privy Council, have been disposed of by an amicable settlement since the close of the year (*vide* this office letters Nos. 1226 and 1306, dated 21st January and 6th February 1879 respectively). The appeal of Burra Lall was dismissed on the 19th March 1879; that of Mr. Lingham was struck off for default; and in the case of Desputty Sing *vs.* Banee Pershad, instructions have been issued to the Solicitor for India not to prosecute the appeal, as every dispute connected with this estate will be settled out of Court. Further, in the case of Chucker Sarun Narain Sing *vs.* Roop Monjoori Kooer, negociations for compromise are in progress, and will, it is hoped, be shortly completed; but as to the other cases, instructions have been issued to the Solicitor at home to conduct them to final decision.

4. The result is that Government has gained two cases, lost none, and compromised several, some of which it would undoubtedly lose.

5. The following table shows the result of the civil litigation in all the courts of Bengal in which Government was a party, as compared with the two previous years:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of Government ...	252	417	853
Ditto against ditto ...	87	71	75
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	272	19	24
Transferred	...	...	5
Percentage in favour of Government ...	74	85	92

6. The Lieutenant-Governor will perceive that there has been a large increase in litigation during the year. This is due to two districts—Patna and Tirhoot. In the former district there were 95 suits in connection with land taken up for public purposes; in the latter, 608 suits were instituted for arrears of rent at enhanced rates. It is impossible to determine beforehand the result of this vast amount of litigation. We know that, up to the present, the Government has been successful in 574, and unsuccessful in 34 of those suits; that it

has appealed in 28 cases, and the ryots in 199. We were not consulted in carrying on these cases.

7. The result of the Government litigation in the High Court, as compared with the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of the Government ...	19	25	37
Ditto against ditto ...	3	1	5
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	9	4	5
Percentage in favour of the Government ...	86	96	88

8. Four out of the five cases decided as against the Government were analogous cases. They were instituted by one and the same person, and on account of the same subject-matter. In one sense therefore it may be said that only two cases were decided adversely, and that the percentage of favourable decisions would be about 95 per cent. But this is of minor importance. It is impossible for this office to be accountable for the results of cases in which the Government is respondent. The value of the advice given by this office may be determined by the result of those cases we appealed, 12 in all, and of them not one was lost. It shows that, at any rate, we have been very careful—perhaps, if anything, too careful—in filing appeals. I append the following table taken from the High Court report of 1877, from which it appears that not more than three-fourths of appeals are successful:—

	Affirmed.	Reversed.	Varied.	Remanded.	Otherwise disposed of.	Total.
Regular appeal	149	47	25	35	38	294
Special ditto	2,786	299	73	443	130	3,731
Miscellaneous appeal	271	56	.....	42	20	218

9. Of the five cases shown against "compromised, &c.," two were compromised on terms favourable to the Government, two remanded for determination of certain points fixed by the High Court, and one, in which we were appellants, was withdrawn; this last may be classed as adverse to the Government. If, therefore, we put the remanded cases out of consideration, and take the two cases compromised as favourable to the Government and the case withdrawn as against us, the percentage would be about 93.

10. The following are the details of the adverse cases:—

Six suits were instituted by Mohunt Chuttoorbhooj Bharuthee and Hurday Narain for possession of 5,458 beeghas of land, as re-formations on the old site of their estate Modhoorapore, against the proprietors of Moresadabad Sultan and Burreypore, making the Government also a party. These suits were originally instituted in December 1869, but the Government was not made a defendant until November 1870. On the 23rd April 1872 the court of first instance dismissed the suits on the ground of limitation. On the 28th January 1874 the High Court, on appeal by the plaintiffs, remanded the cases for further inquiry. On remand the Subordinate Judge dismissed the suits in regard to 1,354 beeghas held by the proprietors of Moresadabad, and decreed the remaining lands to the plaintiffs. The cases were again appealed to the High Court, and again sent back to try certain issues which were fixed with the consent of the parties. On the 26th March 1877 the Subordinate Judge dismissed them all as barred by limitation, though he held that almost the whole of the land in dispute had been surveyed as part of the plaintiff's estate in 1846. The cases were again brought in appeal before the High Court, and they were finally decided by the Chief Justice and Tottenham, J., on the 21st December 1878. The result of this lengthened litigation is that in two of the cases (Nos. 186 and 273 of 1877) the claims of the plaintiffs were dismissed, in Nos. 272 and 274 their claims were decreed, and in Nos. 184 and 185 the claims were partly dismissed and partly decreed.

Modhoo Soodun Pal Chowdhury, defendant (appellant), *vs.* Government, plaintiff (respondent).

This was a suit to establish title to two beeghas and four cottahs of police chakran land, to set aside a collusive decree obtained by one Jamiruddin against Kalli Koomar, and to declare that the disputed land was police chakran, that is, land held for police services. It was alleged for the defence that these lands

were not chakran lands, but the ordinary mal lands of the zemindar. The Moonsif held that the land in dispute was chakran land held by chowkidars for police services, and this finding was subsequently confirmed by the second court in appeal. In special appeal the High Court reversed the decisions of both the courts below on the ground that they could not give a declaratory decree when no consequential relief could be granted; that there was no ground for charging collusion; and that the disputed land was liable to be resumed by the landlord, and consequently no title of Government could be declared in regard to it.

This suit was not instituted with the sanction of this office, and it was after the decree of the Lower Appellate Court that its existence became known. The decision, as the law now stands, is of little importance, since, under the Specific Relief Act, a declaratory decree may be granted where no consequential relief is claimed.

11. Some of the cases decided in favour of the Government deserve mention on account of their importance. One may be said to have finally settled the powers of executive officers in their relation towards ghatwals. A ghatwal in Bankoora, who was dismissed for disobedience, sued for possession of the ghatwali tenure, on the ground that he held at a quit-rent and could not be dispossessed by the Government. The High Court decided that the appointment of ghatwals is in the hands of the Magistrate, who can also remove them; that dismissal carries with it the loss of the tenure, and that no ghatwal can claim to be restored to possession unless he has been reinstated in his appointment. It is to be hoped that this decision will put an end to all litigation in connection with ghatwali tenures. Two suits were brought against judicial officers on account of acts done in their public capacity—one in Gya, and another in Patna—and in both the litigation was carried up to the High Court, which decided against the plaintiffs. The suit in Patna was instituted for illegal arrest under a warrant issued by the defendant—a Deputy Magistrate. There were really no grounds for the action, and it was dismissed in all the Courts. The facts of the case in Gya have already formed the matter of a separate report to the Government, and in it the non-liability of the Magistrate was not so clear as in the previous case. The Subordinate Judge gave a decree against him, but in special appeal the High Court took a much more favourable view of the immunity granted to judicial officers and dismissed the suit. The decision is so important that I have had it circulated to all Government Pleaders as a guide in similar cases.

12. The following is a comparative statement of Government litigation in the lower Appellate Courts:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of Government... ...	82	35	29
Ditto against ditto	10	10	9
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	7	3	4
Transferred	...	...	5
Percentage in favour of Government ...	89	77	76

13. Four out of the five cases shown under the head of "transferred" were removed from the Court of the Deputy Commissioner of Manbhoom to that of the Judicial Commissioner of Chota Nagpore, and one from Rungpore to Dinagepore under orders of the High Court; and the cases under the head of "compromised, &c.," were remanded on appeal by the Judicial Commissioner of Chota Nagpore to the Moonsif of Purulia. The Moonsif dismissed our suits on the ground of jurisdiction, but the Judicial Commissioner ruled otherwise and remanded the cases, giving us our costs. If these cases were included among those entered in the heading "favourable," the percentage in favour of Government would be 87 instead of 76.

14. I do not think it is necessary to enter into the details of the pleadings in the nine appeals decided against us. Two of them—one in Midnapore and another in Jessore—were instituted and carried on in the appeal court without the sanction of this office. A third arose out of an order passed by the Magistrate in connection with chakran land. It was dismissed by the Moonsif, but his order was set aside on appeal. The written statement was filed without sanction, and there was really no valid defence to the action.

15. The details of the other cases are as follows:—

24-PERGUNNAHS.
Radha Mohun Mundle and others *vs.* Government.

Plaintiffs sued to establish their right to 6 annas share in 3 cottahs and 3½ chittacks of land held by them in holding No. 85, khas mehal Shahebjanpore. We contended that the land appertained to mehal Duripore, and not Shahebjanpore. The Moonsif decreed the plaintiffs' claim. An appeal was filed to get the opinion of a second court on the nature of the evidence adduced. The Appellate Court concurred with the lower Court and dismissed the appeal.

RAJSHAHYE.
Government, defendant (appellant), *vs.* Kumar Jogendra Narain Roy, plaintiff (respondent).

This case was decided against us by the first court, and the facts were reported in paragraph 21 of last year's report. On appeal, the Judge confirmed the lower Court's decision and dismissed the suit. As the case rested entirely on a question of fact, no second appeal was filed.

BACKERGUNGE.
Hari Churn Sha *vs.* Government.

Plaintiffs sued to recover possession of certain lands as a re-formation and accretion to their howlah, and from which they asserted they had been dispossessed by the defendants, who claimed as lessees under the Government. We contended that the land in dispute was an island thrown up in the middle of a navigable river, and was not an accretion to the plaintiffs' howlah, and also pleaded limitation. The suit was dismissed by the Moonsif; but on appeal the Subordinate Judge found that a portion of the land did actually accrete to the plaintiffs' howlah, and accordingly gave them a partial decree with proportionate costs in both Courts.

SHAHABAD.
Taki Ali Khan *vs.* Government.

This was a suit to obtain possession of some 51 beeghas of land, of which the plaintiffs obtained a decree in 1853 as part of their mouzah Kotah, but from which they were dispossessed in April 1874. On the part of the Government it was contended that the land in dispute appertained to the Government mehal Kochil, and not to the plaintiffs' mouzah, and that it was not covered by the previous decree. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit on the ground that plaintiffs could not prove their adverse possession and had no right to the land; but the Judge on appeal reversed the lower Court's judgment and decreed the appeal on the ground that the Government did not claim the land as an escheat, that it had waived its right to the land in dispute in the former suit, and there was no evidence of its ever having had possession.

MANBHOOM.
Ram Kumar Koondu *vs.* Government and others.

This was one of the ghatwali cases mentioned in paragraph 31 of last year's report. It was decreed to the plaintiff, with the exception of a small piece of land. The ghatwal defendant appealed, and the Government supported the appellant, but the lower Appellate Court confirmed the Moonsif's decision.

LOHARDUGGA.
Bhoyrub Panda *vs.* Government and others.

This is also a ghatwalli suit, and the lower Appellate Court gave the plaintiff (appellant) a decree for the land under cultivation. An appeal has been preferred against this decision and is now pending in the High Court.

16. The result of our appeals in the lower Appellate Courts cannot, I think, be considered unfavourable to this office. As I pointed out in paragraph 6, the Legal Remembrancer is really only responsible for such appeals as he sanctions; and it must also be borne in mind that when the appeal lies on facts as well as on points of law, he must to a certain extent be guided by what the local Government Pleader says as to the apparent respectability of the witnesses. During the year sanction was given in 11 appeals, of which nine were gained and two lost; the average percentage of decisions confirmed in all Bengal is only 62·42. The two appeals not sanctioned were lost.

17. The result of original cases of the Government is as follows:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of Government	151	357	787
Ditto against ditto	74	60	61
Compromised or withdrawn	256	8	15
Percentage in favour of Government... ...	67	85	92

18. But if the six cases out of 15 shown against "compromised or withdrawn," in which the Government was defendant and which the plaintiffs withdrew, are considered as favourable to the Government, and the rest unfavourable, the percentage remains the same. Many of the cases lost were not reported to this office. Thus there were 34 suits for enhanced rent in Tirhoot, four cases in Midnapore, and a suit for a tank in Chittagong, in which apparently we were properly cast. There were also two suits connected with Act X of 1870 in which the Judge differed from the Collector. In all 41 suits.

19. I give below details of some of the important cases shown against Government.

BURDWAN.
Rashbehary Ghose *vs.* Government and others.

In this case the plaintiff sued to establish his right to certain lands which the Government had sold in execution of decree as the property of another. We contended that the land in dispute belonged to the judgment-debtors of Government, and was rightly sold. The Moonsif, however, held that the land in dispute was the mâl khamar of the landlord, from whom the plaintiff derived his title, and accordingly decreed his claim. An appeal has been preferred against this decision, and it is now pending before the Judge.

24-PERGUNNAHS.
Jogendro Chunder Ghose *vs.* Government.

In this case the plaintiff sued to recover possession of 491 beeghas of land in khas mehal Dantbhanga which had been permanently settled with him; but the plaintiff not having acted up to the terms of the settlement, it was subsequently cancelled. The Subordinate Judge decreed the case in plaintiff's favour; but an appeal has been filed to the High Court with the sanction of the Government (*vide* Government orders No. 2677, dated 7th November 1878). The case is now pending.

RAJSHAHYE.
Grish Chunder Lahoory, Rai Bahadur, *vs.* Government.

In this suit plaintiff sued to recover possession of 617 beeghas of land as part of his perpetually settled mehal Halesparah, which he said the Collector of Pubna had included in khas mehal Shahapore. On the part of Government it was contended that the land in dispute belonged to Shahapore Ghoseparah; and that when the land re-formed in 1858, the plaintiff voluntarily took a settlement admitting the Government's title as owner, and was now estopped from claiming the land as his own. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit on the plea of limitation, but on appeal the case was remanded by the High Court for local enquiry, when the Subordinate Judge gave the plaintiff a decree for 253 beeghas of land with proportionate costs. No appeal was filed against this decision.

RUNGPORE.
Troyluckho Nath Roy *vs.* Government.

Plaintiff sought to recover Rs. 2,078 as price of ballast, &c., supplied by him on the Rungpore Branch, Northern Bengal State Railway. On the part of the Government it was contended that the materials supplied were worthless and the rate demanded was excessive. The Subordinate Judge gave the plaintiff a decree for Rs. 1,795. The case is now pending in appeal before the Judge.

DACCA.
Hur Chunder Shaha and others *vs.* Government and others.

Plaintiffs sued for possession of a fractional share in some chur lands which they said were partly a re-formation of their mouzah Kooshahatta, and partly an accretion thereto. The Government stated on the merits that at the time the plaintiffs and their co-sharers purchased their mehal, mouzah Kooshahatta had diluviated, and the mehal was sold at a reduced jumma in consequence, and the plaintiffs therefore had no right to the re-formations and accretions sued for. The Moonsif at first dismissed the suit on the ground of under-valuation and jurisdiction; but when remanded on appeal, he gave the plaintiff a decree for 513 beeghas instead of 1,170 beeghas, the quantity claimed. Against this decision both parties appealed, and the Judge dismissed the plaintiff's appeal and decreed that of Government. The plaintiffs have preferred a special appeal to the High Court.

MOZUFFERPORE.
Teetoo Lall *vs.* Government.

This was a suit for confirmation of possession of a garden and to set aside a Collector's order disallowing the plaintiff's claim to it in the execution of a certificate recorded under Act VII (B.C.) of 1868. Our defence was that the plaintiff had nothing

to do with the garden, that it belonged to the parties who mortgaged the same in favour of Government for grain advanced during the famine. The Moonsif decreed the plaintiff's claim; against his decision an appeal has been filed.

20. I have given an example of each kind of suit which I considered important. From them it will be seen that the more serious cases in which Government is interested arise from claims to lands re-forming in the big rivers peculiar to this province, or the action of executive officers in collecting Government demands. In the present year a new class of cases has arisen from matters connected with the State Railways, and no doubt, as time goes on, our legal business will assume a much more varied character.

21. The result of wards' litigation, as contrasted with the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	1,884	3,557	4,514
Ditto against ditto ...	275	225	289
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	82	144	113
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	87	92	94

22. The increase is owing to 944 suits having been instituted at Julpigoree for recovery of advances made to ryots during the famine, instead of 382 for the previous year, and to a number of rent suits having been filed in Jessore and Burdwan.

23. The number of cases lost is 289; but of these 200 rent suits and 43 civil suits, in all 243, were instituted without the sanction of this office. The details of the more important of the remaining 46 suits which were lost will be given below in the proper place.

24. The following is a comparative statement of wards' cases decided by the High Court:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	19	34	28
Ditto against ditto ...	12	6	2
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	11	7	10
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards...	61	73	93

25. Neither of the two cases decided against the Court of Wards was of importance. One was a suit for an increased rent, on the ground that the defendant held more land than he paid for. We assumed charge of it on the death of the plaintiff, Rajah Luchman Prosad Gurgo, when in regular appeal. The other was an action brought against the Rajah of Durbhunga to prevent him establishing a ferry on the river Koosi. The lower Court gave a decree; but in appeal to the High Court, the decision of the lower Court was somewhat modified in favour of the Rajah.

26. The following is the result of the cases decided by the lower Appellate Courts in which the Court of Wards was concerned:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards	107	90	120
Ditto against ditto ...	32	66	84
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	12	15	18
Percentage in favour of the Court of Wards	75	58	58

27. Of the 84 cases decided against the Court of Wards, 64 were rent cases, and of them 62 were conducted without reference to this office. In two the grounds of appeal were sanctioned by this office, but the result was not reported in time to determine whether a special appeal should be filed. Of the remaining 20 cases, which were of a civil nature, 18 were not reported to this office.

28. The result of original cases is as follows:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards	1,758	3,433	4,366
Ditto against ditto ...	99	203	203
Compromised and withdrawn ...	59	122	85
Percentage in favour of the Court of Wards	94	94	95

29. Of the 203 cases decided against the Court of Wards, 141 are rent suits, of which 138 were not reported to this office, and of the remaining 62 civil suits, 25 were not reported. I give below the history of the only important case out of the 40 cases reported.

MOORSHEDABAD.
Kristo Nath Roy *vs.* the Nuddea Estate.

The facts of this case are as follows:—

That in cheyt 1251 plaintiff's ancestors when living in commensality obtained from defendant's grandfather, the late Rajah Sreesh Chunder Roy, Bahadoor, a patni of mouzah Dakatiapota in the name of Damoodar Chunder Roy; that since then he with his ancestors jointly and, after separation, separately, were in possession of the patni according to their respective shares; that in 1863 the defendant's father, Maharajah Sotish Chunder Roy, Bahadoor, without making the plaintiff and his co-sharer parties, brought a suit against Shoshimookhi Burmonah, the widow of Damoodar Chunder Roy, and in execution of decree obtained in that suit took possession of the patni talook, and thus dispossessed the plaintiff in Ashar 1272. The plaintiff in this suit claimed possession of the lands of mouzah Dakatiapota with mesne profits for the time of dispossession.

Our defence was that the patni lease was not granted to Damoodar Chunder Roy on behalf of the plaintiff and his family; that the defendant or his ancestors never recognized any one save Damoodar Chunder Roy as patnidar of the mehal. The Subordinate Judge found that the patni was obtained in the name of Damoodar Chunder Roy as *karta* of the plaintiff's family, and decreed the suit. Against this decision a regular appeal has been filed and is now pending in the High Court.

30. We lost 15 cases in Mymensing, 2 of which were not reported, and the other 13 cases were cases of a similar nature. The plaintiffs in these cases sued for partition, together with mesne profits. Our reply was that the plaintiffs asked for reliefs of different nature in the same suit, and that their prayer for possession of certain shares in some mouzahs, while they retained possession of more than their shares in other mouzahs of the same taluk, should be dismissed. The Subordinate Judge, however, held that, as the taluk in question was undivided, the plaintiffs were entitled to partition, but disallowed mesne profits.

MYMENSING.
Kalimohun Pal, Kalikishore Chuckerbutty, and 11 others *vs.* Juggut Kishore Acharjee, minor.

31. The following gives the result of Government and Wards' decrees recovered during the year, as compared with the two previous years:—

Government Decrees.

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	6,36,048	7,52,492	6,63,032
Recovered during the year ...	71,564	1,43,905	49,224
Percentage of recovery ...	11¼	19	7½

32. But if the sum due by the Canning Municipal Estate be deducted, the figures will run as follow:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	94,048	2,32,907	1,13,190
Recovered during the year ...	50,822	1,43,905	49,224
Percentage of recovery ...	53	61	43½

33. During the year under review the amounts realized out of the assets of the Canning Municipal Estate were not distributed by the Civil Court. The Collector says that an account is under preparation, and as soon as it is ready a dividend will be declared. The outstanding balances are heaviest in the following districts:—

Bankoora, Rs. 8,286.—Out of this amount upwards of Rs. 5,000 have been remitted as irrecoverable, and the rest is under process of recovery.

Beerbhoom, Rs. 6,800.—Of this sum, Rs. 5,639 are pending in appeal, and the remainder under realization.

Hooghly, Rs. 6,566.—Of this, Rs. 6,009 are pending in appeal before the High Court, and the rest under process of recovery.

Mozufferpore, Rs. 7,367.—Out of this sum Rs. 7,232 are due from one person who has no property, and the amount has been recommended for remission. The rest is under appeal.

Shahabad, Rs. 8,712.—Of this, Rs. 7,109 are due from Rajah Radhaprosad Sing, but as all the disputes between him and Government were compromised, the Collector has sent to the Commissioner for writing off the amount, and the remainder under process of recovery.

Manbhoom, Rs. 9,139.—Out of this amount more than Rs. 8,000 are said to be irrecoverable. In one case only Rs. 7,547 are due from one Baneemadhab Ojha, who has no property, and he has been ordered to be arrested and put in jail for the full term allowed by law.

34. I think that this is the least satisfactory portion of the duties appertaining to this office. From the reports of the district officers it would appear that subordinate ministerial officers, such as nazirs, are employed in making inquiries into the possibility or impossibility of realizing Government decrees. This practice I have constantly objected to. I do not think that officers in their position should be entrusted with such important duties; and in spite of all my exertions, I have still the feeling that I sanctioned the writing off of larger sums than I ought.

35. Formerly, quarterly returns of outstanding decrees were submitted to this office, but in January 1875 the Legal Remembrancer changed them into monthly, being of opinion that the returns did not give the means of checking the local officers in realizing decrees. This return was abandoned formally in March 1877, and now this office receives half-yearly and yearly returns only. During these years the percentages of realization were as follows:—

	Per cent.
1875-76	... 17
1876-77	... 53
1877-78	... 61
1878-79	... 43

36. This result shows, I think, that a system of stricter supervision and check has been followed by a higher percentage, and that where that has been given up the percentage has undergone a corresponding decrease.

Wards' Decrees.

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	25,15,075	19,85,023	21,89,196
Recovered during the year ...	3,48,945	4,68,704	3,31,184
Percentage of recovery ...	14	23	15

37. But by taking the amount decreed and the amount realized during the year as the standard of comparison the figures will be as follow:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount decreed	5,69,834	6,00,311	5,61,178
Amount recovered	3,48,945	4,68,704	3,31,184
Percentage of recovery ...	61	78	59

In this portion of the office the rules are the same as those in force in realizing Government decrees.

38. The following officers were in charge of the office of Legal Remembrancer during the year under report:—

Mr. L. R. Tottenham was in charge of the office from 1st to 5th April 1878.

Mr. A. T. Maclean was in charge of the office from 6th to 16th April 1878.

Mr. T. T. Allen was in charge of the office from 17th April to 14th October 1878.

Mr. A. T. Maclean was in charge of the office from 15th October to 31st December 1878.

I took charge on the afternoon of the 31st December 1878.

39. The following changes occurred during the year in the office of Government Pleaders :—

Babu Mohendro Nath Bonerjee was appointed Government Pleader of Darjeeling in the place of Babu Chunder Kant Payne, resigned.

Babu Banee Madhub Dutt, Government Pleader of Julpigoree, was transferred to Dacca in the place of Babu Opendra Nath Mitter, who had obtained leave of absence for one year, and Babu Preo Nath Banerjee was appointed to officiate as Government Pleader of Julpigoree.

Babu Jadub Chunder Sircar was appointed Government Pleader of Rajshahye in the place of Babu Oma Kant Bhya.

Babu Bhuggobutty Churn Ghose was appointed Government Pleader of Rungpore.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. O'KINEALY,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	82	1	13,874
Zillah appeals	7	2	242	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	4,271
Original suits	14	3	430	.....	.....	1	750	10	1,797
Total ...	23	5	672	.....	.....	2	832	16	19,942

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	825
Original suits	3	3	2,438	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	4	3	2,438	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	825

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	1	800	.....	.....	1	933
Original suits	17	8	2,634	2	849	2	1,396	5	2,751
Total ...	19	8	2,634	3	1,649	2	1,396	6	3,684

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by, or escheated to Government.

High Court	4	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Zillah appeals	3	.....	.....	1	3,000	.....	.....	2	1,045
Original suits	9	3	7,279	3	765	.....	.....	3	5,023
Total ...	16	6	7,279	4	3,765	.....	.....	6	6,068

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, maliana, pensions, fees, &c., &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	1	1,23,969	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	800
Total ...	2	1	1,23,969	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	800

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	2	1	715	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	658
Zillah appeals	2	1	658	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	29
Original suits	3	2	2,208	1	482	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	7	4	3,571	1	482	.....	.....	2	687

(9) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property or purchase-money.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	424	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	1	643	.....	.....	1	1,795	2	2,285
Original suits	24	9	1,570	1	2,078	4	874	10	13,575
Total ...	29	10	2,213	1	2,078	6	3,093	12	15,860

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court	43	23	40,981	4	40,774	1	120	15	6,29,360
Zillah appeals	47	20	10,161	6	2,175	.....	.....	21	11,357
Original suits	69	32	78,813	15	1,59,995	6	15,815	16	20,533
Total ...	159	75	1,29,955	25	2,02,944	7	15,935	52	6,61,250

(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court	2	1	6,161	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,700
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	2	215	1	27	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	5	3	6,376	1	27	.....	.....	1	2,700

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from Official Acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Remanded, compromised, or withdrawn.	Pending.

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	33,047	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	47
Original suits	5	2	51,790	.....	.....	1	45	2	129
Total ...	8	2	51,790	.....	.....	3	33,092	3	176

(3) Suits for reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	100
Original suits	6	.....	.....	2	160	.....	.....	4	310
Total ...	7	.....	.....	2	160	.....	.....	5	410

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	5	4	12,129	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	500
Zillah appeals	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	468
Original suits	6	5	514	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,984
Total ...	14	9	12,643	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,952

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	4	3	6,30,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	115
Zillah appeals	230	3	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	227	5,111
Original suits	609	574	22,556	34	1,226	1	7,056	.....	.....
Total ...	843	580	6,52,671	34	1,226	1	7,056	228	5,226

(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	251
Total ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	251

(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	6	1	639	1	61	4	354	.....	.....
Original suits	47	10	7,235	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	7,271
Total ...	53	11	7,874	1	61	4	354	37	7,271

(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt.

High Court	3	1	5,850	1	165	..... Transferred.	.....	1	7,796
Zillah appeals	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	354	2	567
Original suits	41	27	19,029	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	39,39,986
Total ...	50	28	24,879	1	165	4	354	17	39,48,349

(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	5	1	1,646	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2,735
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
Original suits	159	106	15,879	2	545	.....	.....	51	56,026
Total ...	165	107	17,525	2	545	.....	.....	56	58,761

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1878-79.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.										
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1878.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number pending on the 31st March 1878.	Number instituted from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.	Total.	In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number of cases in which Government was cost twice.
																	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.			
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50	23	73	5	32	...	5	...	2	1	...	...	2	47	26	...
Burdwan ...	2	7	9	2	1	...	1	...	2	6	3	...	...	3	3	6	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Bankoora ...	*1	4	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	4	1	7	2	9	2	11	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	...
Beerbhoom ...	2	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore ...	13	14	27	2	14	...	5	...	1	...	...	22	5	8	8	16	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	11	1
Hooghly ...	2	6	8	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	3	4	7	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	5	2	1	1	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Nuddea ...	5	5	10	...	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	10	...	3	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	4	...
Jessore ...	...	5	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	3	...	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	1
Moorshedabad ...	2	3	5	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	1	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rajshahye ...	3	1	4	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Rungpore ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	†1	...	...	...
Bogra ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree ...	...	4	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca ...	2	1	3	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	1	2	3	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...
Furreedpore ...	4	1	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...
Backergunge ...	2	9	11	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	9	3	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Mymensingh ...	3	4	7	...	1	...	4	...	1	...	...	6	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah ...	3	12	15	4	1	1	...	...	3	...	...	9	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Chittagong ...	6	18	24	...	13	...	2	...	1	...	1	17	7	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Noakholly ...	...	9	9	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Patna ...	73	22	95	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	51	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun ...	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	38	24	62	56	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	58	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad ...	2	5	7	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	1	1	2	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Mozufferpore ...	572	42	614	574	2	34	2	1	...	...	...	613	1	2	223	231	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	230	...
Monghyr ...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Maldah ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Balasore ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	7	10	17	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhoom ...	2	44	46	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	40	10	...	10	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	‡4	...	7	3	...
Lahardugga ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	4	...	5	1	...
Purneah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	753	265	1,018	715	72	36	25	1	8	...	6	863	155	98	295	388	14	52	4	10	...	2	1	...	9	2	94	294	3

* In three out of the four cases shown as pending at the close of last year Government did not appear, and hence the discrepancy.

† Transferred to Dinagepore by order of the High Court.

‡ Ditto to the file of the Judicial Commissioner of Chota Nagpore.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded Government against in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Bankoora	280 12 2	.....	.....	280 12 2	.....	1,509 13 0	513 7 0	51 7 3	2,074 11 3
	Burdwan	504 0 0	.....	.....	504 0 0	.....	464 0 0	2 0 0	.....	466 0 0
	Beerbhoom	166 14 6	.....	2 11 6	169 10 0	53 15 3	265 2 0	0 1 3	13 9 0	332 11 6
	Midnapore	70 0 0	.....	.....	70 0 0	94 0 0	328 0 0	3 0 0	12 0 0	437 0 0
	Hooghly	29,220 1 3	.....	.....	29,220 1 3	.....	31 1 9	81 13 9	106 0 0	218 15 6
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	21 11 0	.....	.....	21 11 0	.....	62 1 3	880 12 4	684 13 9	1,627 11 4
	Nuddea	200 1 5	.....	22 12 4	222 13 9	.....	28 14 9	21 12 6	40 4 0	90 15 3
	Jessore	62 0 0	.....	.....	62 0 0	.....	.....	122 3 6	6 13 3	129 0 9
	Moorshedabad	176 4 0	.....	.....	176 4 0	.....	2,178 14 4	.....	.....	2,178 14 4
	Soonderbuns	108 7 0	.....	.....	108 7 0	.....	.....	.....	68 0 0	68 0 0
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	1,149 0 0	.....	1 5 3	1,150 5 3	.....	.....	4 12 6	.....	4 12 6
	Dinagepore	3 0 0	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	12 0 0	.....	.....	12 0 0
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 3 9	.....	.....	6 3 9
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	686 0 0	.....	.....	686 0 0	209 8 0	691 0 0	250 6 0	.....	1,150 14 0
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	211 0 0	.....	.....	211 0 0	.....	.....	411 0 6	.....	411 0 6
	Backergunge	849 0 0	.....	.....	849 0 0	.....	.....	554 14 9	59 8 6	614 5 3
	Mymensingh	4,339 12 3	.....	.....	4,339 12 3	.....	430 7 0	180 13 6	42 0 6	653 5 0
	Tipperah	1,164 0 0	.....	.....	1,164 0 0	.....	123 6 9	227 8 9	275 13 6	626 13 0
	Furreedpore	116 0 0	.....	.....	116 0 0	.....	.....	1,466 11 9	242 15 9	1,709 11 6
Chittagong	Chittagong	124 7 9	.....	.....	124 7 9	.....	.....	120 5 9	10 8 0	130 13 9
	Noakholly	1,576 0 0	.....	.....	1,576 0 0	2,172 4 1	279 0 6	28 1 6	92 14 9	2,572 4 10
Patna	Patna	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,339 6 0	.....	0 8 3	32 1 9	2,372 0 0
	Mozufferpore	18 3 9	.....	.....	18 3 9	.....	.....	50 2 6	4 1 0	54 3 6
	Durbhunga	2,357 10 2	.....	92 5 9	2,449 15 11	.....	1,675 6 2	17 14 10	.....	1,693 5 0
	Gya	1,388 0 0	.....	.....	1,388 0 0	.....	8,173 0 0	.....	116 0 0	8,289 0 0
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 8 0	0 8 0	.....	7 0 0
	Shahabad	1,773 0 0	.....	.....	1,773 0 0	.....	.....	13 2 3	.....	13 2 3
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	765 0 0	.....	54 11 0	819 11 0
	Monghyr	1 14 0	.....	.....	1 14 0	.....	.....	312 4 9	.....	312 4 9
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	314 6 0	.....	6 0 0	320 6 0	.....	433 4 0	38 6 3	21 4 6	542 14 9
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore	8 7 1	.....	.....	8 7 1	.....	.....	9 10 3	4 4 9	13 15 0
	Pooree	60 0 0	.....	.....	60 0 0	.....	.....	1 8 0	.....	1 8 0
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	59 0 0	.....	.....	59 0 0	.....	143 8 3	.....	.....	143 8 3
	Manbhoom	2,091 0 0	.....	.....	2,091 0 0	.....	781 6 3	1,009 13 9	4 8 0	1,795 12 0
	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 3 9	.....	117 3 9
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	49,100 0 0	.....	125 2 10	49,225 3 2	4,869 1 4	18,438 1 9	6,440 15 11	1,943 9 3	31,691 12 3

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1878.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan ...	354 0 0	.....	.....	125 0 0	21 0 0	19 0 0	479 0 0	21 0 0	19 0 0
	Bankoora ...	3,309 3 11	2,445 5 5	43 2 3	2,257 1 10	471 8 2	41 9 0	5,566 5 9	2,916 13 7	84 11 3
	Beerbhoom ...	1,354 7 1	102 11 6	27 5 6	5,531 3 10	185 11 3	16 5 9	6,885 10 11	288 6 9	43 11 3
	Midnapore ...	569 0 0	388 0 0	141 0 0	1,040 0 0	172 0 0	52 0 0	1,609 0 0	560 0 0	193 0 0
	Hooghly	29,000 0 0	.....	6,310 6 9	74 5 0	.....	401 14 9	29,074 5 0	.....	6,712 5 6
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	4,50,735 10 10	83,107 7 8	.....	24 11 3	16,033 11 9	1 8 6	4,50,760 6 1	99,141 3 5	1 8 6
	Nuddea	25 0 0	0 12 0	.....	458 0 3	13 13 3	20 0 1	483 0 3	14 9 3	20 0 1
	Jessore	25 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	149 0 0	25 0 0	.....	149 0 0
	Moorshedabad ...	497 0 6	.. ...	1 14 6	193 11 3	.....	2 1 7	690 11 9	.....	4 0 1
	Soonderbuns ...	86 11 6	.....	.....	12 10 0	4 12 6	29 0 0	99 5 6	4 12 6	29 0 0
Rajshahye	Rajshahye... ...	729 4 3	43 7 3	1,316 6 9	.....	83 10 9	35 8 3	729 4 3	127 2 0	1,351 15 0
	Dinagopore ...	.....	.....	3 0 0	112 0 0	.....	18 0 0	112 0 0	.....	21 0 0
	Pubna	.. ...	34 0 0	936 0 0	.....	13 0 0	17 0 0	.....	47 0 0	953 0 0
Dacca	Dacca	1,022 0 0	594 0 0	75 0 0	221 0 0	71 0 0	26 0 0	1,243 0 0	665 0 0	101 0 0
	Backergunge ...	645 0 0	122 0 0	50 0 0	30 0 0	7 0 0	37 0 0	675 0 0	129 0 0	87 0 0
	Mymensingh ...	6,099 0 1	301 5 6	75 14 9	43 8 9	258 9 1	33 6 5	6,142 8 10	459 14 7	109 5 0
	Tipperah	742 0 0	31 0 0	40 0 0	259 0 0	49 0 0	43 0 0	1,001 0 0	80 0 0	83 0 0
	Furreedpore ...	130 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8 0 0	33 0 0	130 0 0	8 0 0	33 0 0
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	.....	.....	.....	217 15 8	11 2 3	10 6 9	217 15 8	11 2 3	10 6 9
	Noakholly	.....	.....	1,698 0 0	.....	73 0 0	2,368 0 0	.....	73 0 0	4,066 0 0
Patna	Patna	.....	17 15 11	224 5 9	77 0 11	14 15 6	9 11 0	77 0 11	32 15 5	234 0 9
	Mozufferpore ...	5,487 13 5	1,482 3 7	92 14 0	.....	323 1 1	.....	5,487 13 5	1,805 4 8	92 14 0
	Durbhunga ...	81 15 1	17 13 3	13 9 3	1,947 8 0	1 10 9	427 4 1	2,029 7 1	19 8 0	440 13 4
	Gya	384 0 0	.....	317 0 0	1,550 0 0	73 0 0	21 0 0	1,934 0 0	73 0 0	338 0 0
	Shahabad	9,044 0 0	.....	73 0 0	1,233 0 0	28 0 0	107 0 0	10,277 0 0	28 0 0	180 0 0
	Chumparun ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	321 6 10	28 12 8	11 8 0	321 6 10	28 12 8	11 8 0
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore ...	1,058 0 0	70 0 0	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,058 0 0	70 0 0	6 0 0
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	1 1 0	12 14 0	343 4 4	1 1 0	12 14 0	343 4 4
	Maldah	.....	.....	6 0 0	309 9 4	4 12 8	.....	309 9 4	4 12 8	6 0 0
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 7 1	.....	.....	8 7 1
	Pooree	.....	1 0 0	59 0 0	.....	.....	18 0 0	.....	1 0 0	77 0 0
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh ...	358 0 0	23 0 0	44 0 0	923 0 0	266 0 0	219 0 0	1,281 0 0	289 0 0	266 0 0
	Manbhoom ...	9,476 0 0	480 0 0	137 0 0	464 0 0	559 0 0	114 0 0	9,940 0 0	1,039 0 0	251 0 0
	Lohardugga ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 3 9	.....	.....	117 3 9
	Total ...	5,21,213 2 8	89,262 2 1	11,090 15 6	17,426 13 11	18,689 1 8	4,750 3 2	5,38,640 0 7	1,07,951 3 9	16,441 2 8

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

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in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1879.

Realized during 1878-79.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
464 0 0	21 0 0	19 0 0	15 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 0 0	.....	.....
239 11 7	35 3 4	7 13 3	5,326 10 2	2,883 10 3	76 14 0	.....	.....	.....	5,326 10 2	2,883 10 3	76 14 0
153 8 9	12 12 6	3 4 9	6,732 2 2	275 10 3	40 6 6	33 12 5	6 13 6	7 0 0	6,698 5 9	268 12 9	33 6 6
60 0 0	7 0 0	3 0 0	1,549 0 0	553 0 0	190 0 0	55 0 0	.....	18 0 0	1,494 0 0	553 0 0	172 0 0
29,074 5 0	.....	145 12 3	.....	.....	6,566 9 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6,566 9 3
19 12 9	0 5 9	1 8 6	4,50,740 9 4	99,140 13 8	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,50,740 9 4	99,140 13 8	.....
209 1 5	7 12 9	14 15 7	282 14 10	6 12 6	5 0 6	.....	.....	.....	282 14 10	6 12 6	5 0 6
25 0 0	.....	37 0 0	.....	.....	112 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	112 0 0
173 11 3	.....	2 8 9	517 0 6	.....	1 7	13 0 6	.....	.....	504 0 0	.....	1 7 4
74 10 6	4 12 6	20 0 0	24 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 11 0	.....	.....
729 4 3	81 13 9	339 3 3	.....	45 4 3	1,012 11 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 4 3	1,012 11 9
.....	.....	3 0 0	112 0 0	.....	18 0 0	.....	.....	.....	112 0 0	.....	18 0 0
.....	.....	686 0 0	.....	47 0 0	267 0 0	.....	15 0 0	97 0 0	.....	32 0 0	170 0 0
209 0 0	2 0 0	.....	1,034 0 0	663 0 0	101 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,034 0 0	663 0 0	101 0 0
638 6 0	127 0 0	84 0 0	37 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0	26 0 0	1 0 9	.....	11 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0
3,810 4 3	448 9 6	80 14 6	2,332 4 7	11 5 1	28 6 6	2,288 11 10	9 15 9	23 4 3	43 8 9	1 5 4	5 2 3
1,001 0 0	80 0 0	83 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
85 0 0	6 0 0	25 0 0	45 0 0	2 0 0	8 0 0	.....	.....	.....	45 0 0	2 0 0	8 0 0
103 14 9	11 2 3	9 6 9	114 0 11	.....	1 0 0	.....	.....	.....	114 0 11	.....	1 0 0
.....	75 0 0	503 0 0	.....	.....	2,562 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,563 0 0
.....	.....	.....	27 0 11	32 15 5	234 0 9	.....	.....	.....	27 0 11	32 15 5	234 0 9
15 0 8	.....	2 10 1	5,472 3 9	1,805 4 8	90 3 11	.....	.....	.....	5,472 3 9	1,805 4 8	90 3 11
2,001 15 1	18 4 6	429 12 10	27 3 0	1 4 0	11 0 6	.....	.....	.....	27 3 0	1 4 0	11 0 6
1,328 0 0	60 0 0	.....	606 0 0	13 0 0	338 0 0	.....	.....	.....	606 0 0	13 0 0	338 0 0
3,638 0 0	28 0 0	107 0 0	8,639 0 0	.....	73 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8,639 0 0	.....	73 0 0
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	321 6 10	28 12 8	11 3 0	.....	.....	.....	321 6 10	28 12 8	11 3 0
.....	.....	.....	1,058 0 0	70 0 0	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,058 0 0	70 0 0	6 0 0
1 1 0	0 1 0	0 12 0	.....	12 13 0	342 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 13 0	342 3 4
349 9 4	4 12 8	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	8 7 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	1 0 0	50 0 0	.....	.....	18 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 0 0
59 0 0	.....	.....	1,222 0 0	289 0 0	263 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,222 0 0	289 0 0	263 0 0
1,891 0 0	132 0 0	68 0 0	8,049 0 0	907 0 0	183 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8,049 0 0	907 0 0	183 0 0
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 3 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117 3 9
44,305 7 7	1,160 10 0	3,759 1 7	4,94,334 9 0	1,06,789 9 9	12,682 1 1	2,416 8 9	32 13 3	145 4 3	4,91,918 0 3	1,06,757 12 6	12,536 12 10

in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1879.

I.

General Abstract of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1878-79.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1878.	Number of suits instituted from the 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.					Pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number pending on the 31st March 1878.	Number instituted from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.						Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.										
				Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.		Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.			
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*43	47	90	5	23	2	...	6	...	...	...	2	2	40	50	...
Burdwan	3	240	243	215	3	4	13	...	...	5	...	240	3	...	9	9	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	4	...
Beerbhoom ...	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	1	156	157	131	3	4	...	2	...	...	...	140	17	...	16	16	2	6	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	5	...
Hooghly	...	33	33	26	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	29	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	8	232	240	210	6	12	7	...	...	...	...	235	5	1	6	7	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	6	1	...
Nuddea	4	135	139	134	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	136	3	3	3	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...
Jessore	14	773	787	682	1	16	1	2	...	2	...	704	83	...	10	10	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	7	3	...
Moorshedabad ...	2	79	81	64	1	2	3	...	...	1	...	71	10	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
Dinagepore ...	...	20	20	16	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	18	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rajshahye	9	155	164	148	6	5	3	1	...	...	...	163	1	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Rungpore	15	194	209	205	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	206	3	3	30	33	...	8	10	6	...	...	...	2	...	26	7	...
Pubna	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	11	35	46	37	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	42	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	...	944	944	761	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	767	177	...	4	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	...	4	...	...
Dacca	2	9	11	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	9	2	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	1	...
Furreedpore ...	†2	1	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	13	13	6	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	8	5	...
Backergunge ...	2	29	31	21	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	27	4	1	21	22	2	4	8	1	...	...	...	...	15	7	...
Mymensingh ...	31	82	113	56	26	3	19	...	...	1	...	105	8	4	3	7	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	5	2	...
Tipperah	3	2	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	‡2	2	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Chittagong	1	168	169	154	2	7	2	...	1	...	...	166	3	2	13	15	3	6	4	2	...	...	...	...	15	...	...
Noakholly	30	386	416	365	3	14	...	3	1	1	...	387	29	7	8	15	...	7	3	1	...	...	...	...	11	4	.
Patna	9	1	10	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	4	1	5	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	.
Sarun	6	64	70	37	2	1	3	...	2	2	...	47	23	2	4	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	.
Gya	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	..
Shahabad	3	141	144	139	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	141	3	8	28	36	6	5	23	1	...	...	...	...	35	1	..
Mozufferpore ...	327	298	625	534	10	22	5	...	...	...	...	571	54	13	19	32	4	4	1	3	...	...	...	2	16	16	..
Monghyr	7	168	175	95	10	9	8	48	1	§1	...	372	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Bhagulpore ...	6	18	24	12	2	3	1	2	1	...	...	21	3	2	23	25	3	20	1	...	1	...	...	...	25	...	..
Maldah	...	50	50	41	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	45	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Purneah	...	4	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	3	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	..
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Pooree	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Hazaribagh ...	9	70	79	78	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	79	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Manbhoom	1	27	28	8	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	13	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	...	104	104	92	...	1	...	1	...	‖3	...	97	7	4	8	12	1	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	11	1	...
Total ...	606	4,625	5,131	4,276	90	127	76	59	8	18	...	4,654	477	102	284	386	38	110	63	23	7	...	1	...	13	7	262	124	...

* The discrepancy is owing to a miscellaneous appeal having been converted into a regular appeal, and in another case the Court of Wards did not appear.

† The discrepancy is owing to the Court of Wards not having appeared in three cases.

‡ The discrepancy is owing to an estate having been released from the hand of the Court of Wards.

§ Transferred to another Court.

‖ Two of these were struck off on the death of defendants.

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Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Court from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in Civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Khandari Estate	638 0 0	.....	775 14 5	1,413 14 5	.....	495 0 0	.....	.....	.....	495 0 0
	Chuckdighee „	5,492 0 0	.....	.....	5,492 0 0	.....	3,714 0 0	733 0 0	.....	1,381 0 0	5,828 0 0
	Total	6,130 0 0	.....	775 14 5	6,905 14 5	.....	4,209 0 0	733 0 0	.....	1,381 0 0	6,323 0 0
Midnapore	Jamirapal Estate	402 0 0	.....	.....	402 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Tarkua „	318 0 0	.....	.....	318 0 0	.....					
	Nischinta „	398 0 0	.....	.....	398 0 0	.....					
	Jhargram „	4 0 0	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....					
	Beluria „	657 0 0	.....	.....	657 0 0	.....	4,911 0 0	546 0 0	.....	.....	5,457 0 0
	Moisadul ...	1,855 0 0	.....	.....	1,855 0 0	.....					
	Jambuni ...	27 0 0	.....	.....	27 0 0	.....					
	Total	3,661 0 0	.....	.....	3,661 0 0	.....	4,911 0 0	546 0 0	.....	.....	5,457 0 0
Hooghly	Paikpara Estate	361 0 0	.....	.....	361 0 0	.....	389 0 0	.....	.....	.....	389 0 0
Jessore	Bogchur Estate	.....	.....	551 0 0	551 0 0	.....	38 0 0	.....	.....	235 0 0	273 0 0
	Goburdanga „	6,074 0 0	.....	.....	6,074 0 0	.....	707 0 0	43 0 0	.....	.....	750 0 0
	Narail ...	1,553 0 0	.....	8,342 0 0	9,895 0 0	.....	2,574 0 0	282 0 0	167 0 0	1,732 0 0	4,755 0 0
	Naldanga ...	24,803 0 0	.....	13 0 0	24,816 0 0	6 0 0	2,716 0 0	13 0 0	.....	.....	2,735 0 0
	Paikpara ...	4,504 0 0	.....	309 0 0	4,813 0 0	.....	885 0 0	.....	.....	83 0 0	968 0 0
	Ramnagur ...	.....	.....	11,876 0 0	11,876 0 0	67 0 0	3,591 0 0	.....	.....	297 0 0	3,955 0 0
	Total	36,934 0 0	.....	21,091 0 0	58,025 0 0	73 0 0	10,511 0 0	338 0 0	167 0 0	2,347 0 0	13,436 0 0
Moorshedabad	Panchthoopee ...	1,762 0 0	.....	.....	1,762 0 0	.....	111 0 0	.....	.....	.....	111 0 0
	Nushipore (mál)	13,058 0 0	.....	.....	13,058 0 0	.....	899 0 0	282 0 0	.....	.....	1,181 0 0
	Nehallia	181 0 0	.....	.....	181 0 0	.....	111 0 0	299 0 0	.....	.....	410 0 0
	Saidabad	63 0 0	.....	.....	63 0 0	.....	184 0 0	.....	.....	.....	184 0 0
	K. D. Bannerjee...	45 0 0	.....	.....	45 0 0	.....	17 0 0	210 0 0	.....	.....	227 0 0
	Byashpore ...	890 0 0	.....	.....	890 0 0	.....	27 0 0	.....	.....	.....	27 0 0
	Choan Estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 0 0	17 0 0	.....	.....	22 0 0
	Kasim Bazar Estate	12 0 0	.....	.....	12 0 0	.....	9 0 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	13 0 0
	Total	16,011 0 0	.....	.....	16,011 0 0	.....	1,363 0 0	812 0 0	.....	.....	2,175 0 0
Nuddea	Nuddea Estate	5,409 0 0	.....	.....	5,409 0 0	.....	1,184 0 0	382 0 0	.....	.....	1,566 0 0
	Goburdanga „	1,241 0 0	.....	.....	1,241 0 0	.....	183 0 0	.....	11 0 0	.....	194 0 0
	Total	6,650 0 0	.....	.....	6,650 0 0	.....	1,367 0 0	382 0 0	11 0 0	.....	1,760 0 0
24-Pergunnahs	Halishahur ...	143 0 0	.....	.....	143 0 0	.....	3 0 0	46 0 0	.....	107 0 0	156 0 0
	Paikpara	349 0 0	.....	.....	349 0 0	.....	3 0 0	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0
	Goburdanga ...	56 0 0	.....	.....	56 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Satkhira	32,301 0 0	.....	.....	32,301 0 0	.....	12,682 0 0	610 0 0	.....	415 0 0	13,707 0 0
	Buranagur ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bhohanipore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	32,849 0 0	.....	.....	32,849 0 0	.....	12,688 0 0	656 0 0	.....	522 0 0	13,866 0 0
Dinagepore	Chooramun Estate...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 0 0	.....	.....	.....	61 0 0
	Gunga Prosad's „	282 0 0	.....	.....	282 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazrutpore „	9 0 0	.....	.....	9 0 0	.....	9 0 0	.....	.....	.....	9 0 0
	Kolanderpore „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	61 0 0	269 0 0	.....	.....	330 0 0
	Sunkerpore „	699 0 0	.....	59 0 0	758 0 0	.....	201 0 0	.....	.....	169 0 0	370 0 0
	Total	990 0 0	.....	59 0 0	1,049 0 0	.....	332 0 0	269 0 0	.....	169 0 0	770 0 0
Rungpore	Panga Estate ...	5,613 0 0	.....	.....	5,613 0 0	.....	2,005 0 0	47 0 0	.....	63 0 0	2,115 0 0
	Kamerpooker ...	911 0 0	.....	.....	911 0 0	.....	242 0 0	146 0 0	.....	33 0 0	421 0 0
	Total	6,524 0 0	.....	.....	6,524 0 0	.....	2,247 0 0	193 0 0	.....	96 0 0	2,536 0 0
Bogra	Hurro Kishor Gooho ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 0 0	119 0 0	.....	.....	.....	206 0 0

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District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Rajshahye	Chowgong	66 0 0	.....	.....	66 0 0	.....	3,445 0 0	.....	.....	.....	3,445 0 0
	Gobindopore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	2 0 0
	Nawapara	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0
	Surkuteah	2,503 0 0	.....	.....	2,503 0 0	26 0 0	1,028 0 0	47 0 0	.....	.....	1,101 0 0
	Pooteah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	..... *
	Bansilla	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Taherpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	2,569 0 0	.....	.....	2,569 0 0	26 0 0	4,475 0 0	47 0 0	.....	2 0 0	4,550 0 0
Julpigoree	Cooch Behar	4,838 0 0	.....	.....	4,838 0 0	.....	8,534 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8,534 0 0
Dacca	Wards' Estates	150 0 0	.....	.....	150 0 0	.....	19 0 0	199 0 0	.....	31 0 0	249 0 0
Mymensingh	Horo Gobindo Lushker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Shama Sundary Chowdhery.	3,123 0 0	.....	.....	3,123 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	668 0 0	668 0 0
	Jugut Kishore Acharjee	91 0 0	.....	4,754 0 0	4,845 0 0	.....	6,485 0 0	7,138 0 0	.....	.....	13,623 0 0
	Total ...	3,214 0 0	.....	4,754 0 0	7,968 0 0	.....	6,485 0 0	7,138 0 0	.....	668 0 0	14,291 0 0
Tipperah ...	Basarut Ally Chowdhery	11,959 0 0	.....	.....	11,959 0 0	.....	684 0 0	166 0 0	.....	329 0 0	1,179 0 0
	Mahomed Wazed ...	5 0 0	.....	.....	5 0 0	.....	2 0 0	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0
	Total ...	11,964 0 0	.....	.....	11,964 0 0	.....	686 0 0	166 0 0	.....	329 0 0	1,181 0 0
Backergunge.	Nocoori Lall Chuckerbutty.	8 0 0	.....	.....	8 0 0	.....	405 0 0	4 0 0	.....	.....	409 0 0
	Busunt Coomar Chuckerbutty.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 0 0	.....	.....	50 0 0
	Futtey Jungpore ...	1,007 0 0	.....	.....	1,007 0 0	.....	17 0 0	.....	.....	.....	17 0 0
	Nobo Durga Debya ...	15 0 0	.....	.....	15 0 0	.....	8 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8 0 0
	Jogut Narain Roy ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moothoora Nath Roy ...	20 0 0	.....	.....	20 0 0	.....	469 0 0	.....	.....	.....	469 0 0
	Bepin Behary Das ...	427 0 0	.....	.....	427 0 0	.....	94 0 0	.....	.....	.....	94 0 0
	Horoo Coomar Das ...	608 0 0	.....	.....	608 0 0	.....	78 0 0	309 0 0	.....	.....	387 0 0
	Mohim Chand Chuckerbutty.	816 0 0	.....	.....	816 0 0	.....	40 0 0	37 0 0	.....	.....	77 0 0
	Total ...	2,901 0 0	.....	.....	2,901 0 0	.....	1,111 0 0	400 0 0	.....	.....	1,511 0 0
Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhery	530 0 0	.....	.....	530 0 0	15 0 0	341 0 0	.....	.....	120 0 0	476 0 0
	Amernunessa	118 0 0	.....	.....	118 0 0	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	39 0 0	42 0 0
	Romesh Chunder Chowdhery.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Magun Das Roy	298 0 0	.....	.....	298 0 0	8,477 0 0	282 0 0	18 0 0	.....	160 0 0	8,937 0 0
	Nyantara's Estate ...	2,628 0 0	.....	.....	2,628 0 0	44 0 0	487 0 0	32 0 0	.....	1,136 0 0	1,699 0 0
	Raj Kissen Banerjee ...	6,031 0 0	.....	.....	6,031 0 0	.....	1,249 0 0	187 0 0	.....	435 0 0	1,871 0 0
	Fuzlahmed	150 0 0	.....	.....	150 0 0	153 0 0	329 0 0	31 0 0	.....	42 0 0	555 0 0
	Total ...	9,755 0 0	.....	.....	9,755 0 0	8,689 0 0	2,688 0 0	271 0 0	.....	1,932 0 0	13,580 0 0
Noakholly	Aunogo Mohun Mozoomdar.	47 0 0	.....	56 0 0	103 0 0	.....	102 0 0	.....	.....	111 0 0	213 0 0
	Bhulooah Estate ...	44 0 0	.....	18,091 0 0	18,135 0 0	.....	4,227 0 0	452 0 0	.....	3,205 0 0	7,884 0 0
	Courjan ,, ...	192 0 0	.....	12,498 0 0	12,690 0 0	.....	1,455 0 0	271 0 0	.....	2,184 0 0	3,910 0 0
	Total ...	283 0 0	.....	30,645 0 0	30,928 0 0	.....	5,784 0 0	723 0 0	.....	5,500 0 0	12,007 0 0
Durbhunga	Alinuggur Estate ...	8 0 0	.....	.....	8 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nurhan ,, ...	185 0 0	.....	.....	185 0 0	.....	80 0 0	45 0 0	.....	18 0 0	143 0 0
	Total ...	193 0 0	.....	.....	193 0 0	.....	80 0 0	45 0 0	.....	18 0 0	143 0 0
Gya ...	Puchakur Estate ...	157 0 0	.....	.....	157 0 0	.....	181 0 0	50 0 0	.....	1 0 0	232 0 0
Mozufferpore.	Raj Durbhunga ...	51,824 0 0	.....	.....	51,824 0 0	.....	15,660 0 0	431 0 0	.....	5,623 0 0	21,714 0 0
	Kanhowli Estate ...	198 0 0	.....	.....	198 0 0	.....	2,371 0 0	129 0 0	.....	75 0 0	2,575 0 0
	Total ...	52,022 0 0	.....	.....	52,022 0 0	.....	18,031 0 0	560 0 0	.....	5,698 0 0	24,289 0 0
Sarun ...	Wards' Estates	1,253 0 0	.....	.....	1,253 0 0	.....	58 0 0	214 0 0	2,024 0 0	56,191 0 0	58,487 0 0
Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh	486 0 0	.....	.....	486 0 0	.....	163 0 0	229 0 0	.....	3,848 0 0	4,240 0 0
	Rughoonundun Persad	2,545 0 0	.....	.....	2,545 0 0	.....	192 0 0	341 0 0	.....	137 0 0	670 0 0
	Chuker Sarun Narain Sing	1,380 0 0	.....	.....	1,380 0 0	.....	222 0 0	528 0 0	.....	46 0 0	796 0 0
	Total ...	4,411 0 0	.....	.....	4,411 0 0	.....	577 0 0	1,093 0 0	.....	4,031 0 0	5,706 0 0

* Statements returned for correction but not received back.

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District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Patna ...	Wards' Estates	461 0 0	.....	.....	461 0 0	.....	5 0 0	... ..	.....	499 0 0	504 0 0
Bhagulpore.	Raj Durbhunga	17,266 0 0	.....	.....	17,266 0 0	.....	3,000 0 0	.....	.....	121 0 0	3,121 0 0
Monghyr ...	Phulberiah	246 0 0	.....	.....	246 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	98 0 0	98 0 0
	Chantham Estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Purneah ...	Durmpore	6,217 0 0	.....	.....	6,217 0 0	.....	5,541 0 0	105 0 0	.....	904 0 0	6,550 0 0
	Soorjapore	15,688 0 0	.....	.....	15,688 0 0	.....	2,174 0 0	189 0 0	.....	189 0 0	2,552 0 0
	Total ...	21,905 0 0	.....	.....	21,905 0 0	.....	7,715 0 0	294 0 0	.....	1,093 0 0	9,102 0 0
Pooree ...	Wards' Estates	291 0 0	.....	.....	291 0 0	.....	27 0 0	.....	.....	87 0 0	114 0 0
Cuttack ...	Kanika	.....	.....	86 0 0	86 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	53,000 0 0	53,000 0 0
Hazaribagh.	Wards' Estates	3,108 0 0	.....	2,282 0 0	5,390 0 0	.....	412 0 0	22 0 0	.....	3,068 0 0	3,502 0 0
Manbhoom	Nosghur	290 0 0	.....	.....	290 0 0	.....	242 0 0	.....	.....	.....	242 0 0
	Supore	11 0 0	.....	.....	11 0 0	.....	1 0 0	836 0 0	.....	.....	837 0 0
	Katras	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	167 0 0	.....	.....	.....	167 0 0
	Total ...	301 0 0	.....	.....	301 0 0	.....	410 0 0	836 0 0	.....	.....	1,246 0 0
Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore	2,066 0 0	.....	22,048 0 0	24,114 0 0	.....	6,932 0 0	1 0 0	8,554 0 0	2,866 0 0	18,353 0 0
	Grand Total ...	2,49,464 0 0	.....	81,740 14 5	3,31,204 14 5	8,875 0 0	1,05,346 0 0	15,993 0 0	10,756 0 0	1,39,748 0 0	2,80,718 0 0

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1878.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan.	Burdwan	Khandari Estate...	815 9 0	235 5 7	210 6 10	4,163 15 3	2,055 15 6	668 11 0	4,979 8 3	2,291 5 1	879 1 10
		Chuckdighee „ ...	10,054 0 0	2,652 0 0	2,451 0 0	8,272 0 0	2,629 0 0	1,449 0 0	18,326 0 0	5,281 0 0	3,900 0 0
		Total ...	10,869 9 0	2,887 5 7	2,661 6 10	12,435 15 3	4,684 15 6	2,117 11 0	23,305 8 3	7,572 5 1	4,779 1 10
	Midnapore...	Jamirpal Estate ...	.....	.....	567 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	567 0 0
		Tarkua „ ...	228 0 0	30 0 0	60 0 0	.....	.....	.....	228 0 0	30 0 0	60 0 0
		Nischinta „ ...	9,315 0 0	1,020 0 0	498 0 0	4,541 0 0	126 0 0	44 0 0	13,856 0 0	1,146 0 0	542 0 0
		Jhargram „ ...	.....	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	.....	4 0 0	.....	.....
		Jambuni „ ...	76 0 0	6 0 0	39 0 0	.....	.....	.....	76 0 0	6 0 0	39 0 0
		Beluria „ ...	984 0 0	150 0 0	456 0 0	.....	2 0 0	158 0 0	984 0 0	152 0 0	614 0 0
		Moisadul	43,088 0 0	8,937 0 0	2,459 0 0	5,782 0 0	2,808 0 0	950 0 0	48,870 0 0	11,745 0 0	3,409 0 0
		Total ...	53,691 0 0	10,143 0 0	4,079 0 0	10,327 0 0	2,936 0 0	1,152 0 0	64,018 0 0	13,079 0 0	5,231 0 0
	Hooghly ...	Paikpara Estate ...	2,550 0 0	517 0 0	424 0 0	1,489 0 0	759 0 0	193 0 0	4,039 0 0	1,276 0 0	617 0 0
Presidency.	Jessore ...	Bogchur „ ...	500 0 0	480 0 0	65 0 0	1,427 0 0	432 0 0	275 0 0	1,927 0 0	912 0 0	340 0 0
		Goverdanga „ ...	4,762 0 0	1,468 0 0	1,258 0 0	5,009 0 0	1,287 0 0	1,743 0 0	9,771 0 0	2,755 0 0	3,001 0 0
		Narail*	53,972 0 0	6,525 0 0	4,980 0 0	10,208 0 0	2,977 0 0	2,191 0 0	64,180 0 0	9,502 0 0	7,171 0 0
		Nuldanga	9,543 0 0	2,705 0 0	3,146 0 0	14,699 0 0	2,277 0 0	2,710 0 0	24,242 0 0	4,982 0 0	5,856 0 0
		Paikpara	1,001 0 0	204 0 0	402 0 0	4,040 0 0	326 0 0	1,329 0 0	5,041 0 0	530 0 0	1,731 0 0
		Ramnuggur	16,033 0 0	6,808 0 0	2,991 0 0	8,148 0 0	3,259 0 0	2,652 0 0	24,181 0 0	10,067 0 0	5,643 0 0
		Total ...	85,811 0 0	18,190 0 0	12,842 0 0	43,531 0 0	10,558 0 0	10,900 0 0	1,29,342 0 0	28,748 0 0	23,742 0 0
	Moorshedabad.	Panchthoopee	2,903 0 0	351 0 0	751 0 0	619 0 0	74 0 0	137 0 0	3,522 0 0	425 0 0	888 0 0
		Nushipore (mal) ...	7,427 0 0	3,926 0 0	1,574 0 0	3,453 0 0	1,532 0 0	535 0 0	10,880 0 0	5,458 0 0	2,109 0 0
		Ditto (debutter)	559 0 0	204 0 0	85 0 0	.....	.....	.....	559 0 0	204 0 0	85 0 0
		Nehalia	20,485 0 0	6,368 0 0	381 0 0	529 0 0	63 0 0	352 0 0	21,014 0 0	6,431 0 0	733 0 0
		Saidabad	2,807 0 0	722 0 0	490 0 0	58 0 0	5 0 0	17 0 0	2,865 0 0	727 0 0	507 0 0
		Byashpore	321 0 0	75 0 0	66 0 0	841 0 0	89 0 0	310 0 0	1,162 0 0	164 0 0	376 0 0
		K. D. Banerjee's Estate	393 0 0	108 0 0	85 0 0	167 0 0	62 0 0	41 0 0	560 0 0	170 0 0	126 0 0
		Choan Estate	20 0 0	5 0 0	29 0 0	.....	.....	.....	20 0 0	5 0 0	29 0 0
		Kassimbazar	8 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0	26 0 0	7 0 0	7 0 0	34 0 0	8 0 0	10 0 0
		Total ...	34,923 0 0	11,760 0 0	3,464 0 0	5,693 0 0	1,832 0 0	1,399 0 0	40,616 0 0	13,592 0 0	4,863 0 0
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea Estate ...	5,047 6 3	1,033 1 0	1,823 5 0	5,805 14 9	877 10 0	931 0 9	10,853 5 0	1,910 11 0	2,754 5 9
		Guburdanga „ ...	524 0 0	194 0 0	159 0 0	800 0 0	131 0 0	298 0 0	1,324 0 0	325 0 0	457 0 0
		Total ...	5,571 6 3	1,227 1 0	1,982 5 0	6,605 14 9	1,008 10 0	1,229 0 9	12,177 5 0	2,235 11 0	3,211 5 9
	24-Perghs.	Halishahur	142 0 0	17 0 0	20 0 0	.....	6 0 0	181 0 0	142 0 0	23 0 0	201 0 0
		Paikpara	305 6 6	.....	41 6 0	.....	.....	3 0 0	305 6 6	.....	44 6 0
		Goburdanga	1,400 0 0	722 0 0	253 0 0	.....	54 0 0	.....	1,400 0 0	776 0 0	253 0 0
		Satkhira	69,583 0 0	33,426 0 0	15,068 0 0	15,837 0 0	9,665 0 0	4,914 0 0	85,420 0 0	43,091 0 0	19,982 0 0
		Burranagore†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Bhowanipore† ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	71,430 6 6	34,165 0 0	15,382 6 0	15,837 0 0	9,725 0 0	5,098 0 0	87,267 6 6	43,890 0 0	20,480 6 0
Rajshahye.	Dinagepore	Chooramun Estate	.....	.....	.....	391 0 0	14 0 0	.....	391 0 0	14 0 0	.....
		Gunga Persad's „	733 0 0	14 0 0	.....	.....	11 0 0	24 0 0	733 0 0	25 0 0	24 0 0
		Hazarutpore	345 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	347 0 0	8 0 0	2 0 0
		Kalanderpore	367 0 0	234 0 0	13 0 0	253 0 0	15 0 0	17 0 0	620 0 0	249 0 0	30 0 0
		Sunkerpore	2,097 0 0	3,088 0 0	1,213 0 0	1,510 0 0	199 0 0	158 0 0	3,607 0 0	3,287 0 0	1,371 0 0
		Total ...	3,542 0 0	3,341 0 0	1,227 0 0	2,156 0 0	242 0 0	200 0 0	5,698 0 0	3,583 0 0	1,427 0 0
	Rungpore ...	Panga estate	4,917 0 0	221 0 0	428 0 0	6,982 0 0	143 0 0	568 0 0	11,899 0 0	364 0 0	996 0 0
		Kamerpooker	575 0 0	.....	.....	859 0 0	54 0 0	70 0 0	1,434 0 0	54 0 0	70 0 0
		Total ...	5,492 0 0	221 0 0	428 0 0	7,841 0 0	197 0 0	638 0 0	13,333 0 0	418 0 0	1,066 0 0
	Rajshahye ...	Chowgang	818 0 0	124 0 0	165 0 0	837 0 0	22 0 0	205 0 0	1,655 0 0	146 0 0	370 0 0
		Gobindopore	36 0 0	7 0 0	14 0 0	.....	3 0 0	.....	36 0 0	10 0 0	14 0 0
		Nopara	39 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0	33 0 0	13 0 0	10 0 0	72 0 0	14 0 0	11 0 0
		Surkuteah	11,893 0 0	20 0 0	156 0 0	859 0 0	86 0 0	630 0 0	12,752 0 0	106 0 0	786 0 0
		Pooteat	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Bansillat	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Tahirporet	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	12,786 0 0	152 0 0	336 0 0	1,729 0 0	124 0 0	845 0 0	14,515 0 0	276 0 0	1,181 0 0
	Julpigoree ...	Cooch Behar	7,439 0 0	1,681 0 0	2,455 0 0	3,997 0 0	2,486 0 0	4,297 0 0	11,436 0 0	4,167 0 0	6,752 0 0

* This is not a complete
† Not received.
‡ Revised figures called

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1879.

REALIZED DURING 1878-79.			BALANCE.			REMITTED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.			NET BALANCE.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1,050 7 1	58 10 1	204 13 3	3,929 1 2	2,232 11 0	574 4 7	.....	.....	.....	3,929 1 2	2,232 11 0	574 4 7
3,145 0 0	1,026 0 0	1,311 0 0	15,181 0 0	4,255 0 0	2,589 0 0	.....	.....	.....	15,181 0 0	4,255 0 0	2,589 0 0
4,195 7 1	1,084 10 1	1,615 13 3	19,110 1 2	6,487 11 0	3,163 4 7	.....	.....	.....	19,110 1 2	6,487 11 0	3,163 4 7
.....	.....	402 0 0	.....	.....	165 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165 0 0
228 0 0	30 0 0	60 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
341 0 0	14 0 0	43 0 0	13,515 0 0	1,132 0 0	499 0 0	.....	.....	.....	13,515 0 0	1,132 0 0	499 0 0
4 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
27 0 0	.....	.....	49 0 0	6 0 0	39 0 0	.....	.....	.....	49 0 0	6 0 0	39 0 0
283 0 0	98 0 0	270 0 0	701 0 0	54 0 0	338 0 0	331 0 0	.....	.....	370 0 0	54 0 0	338 0 0
970 0 0	565 0 0	320 0 0	47,900 0 0	11,180 0 0	3,089 0 0	16 0 0	105 0 0	6 0 0	47,884 0 0	11,075 0 0	3,083 0 0
1,853 0 0	707 0 0	1,101 0 0	62,165 0 0	12,372 0 0	4,130 0 0	347 0 0	105 0 0	6 0 0	61,818 0 0	12,267 0 0	4,124 0 0
270 0 0	29 0 0	62 0 0	3,769 0 0	1,247 0 0	555 0 0	.....	.....	.....	3,769 0 0	1,247 0 0	555 0 0
390 0 0	71 0 0	90 0 0	1,537 0 0	841 0 0	250 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,537 0 0	841 0 0	250 0 0
4,145 0 0	632 0 0	1,297 0 0	5,626 0 0	2,123 0 0	1,704 0 0	800 0 0	215 0 0	258 0 0	4,826 0 0	1,908 0 0	1,446 0 0
9,161 0 0	295 0 0	439 0 0	55,019 0 0	9,207 0 0	6,732 0 0	.....	148 0 0	17 0 0	55,019 0 0	9,059 0 0	6,715 0 0
19,272 0 0	2,328 0 0	3,217 0 0	4,970 0 0	2,654 0 0	2,639 0 0	1,166 0 0	715 0 0	782 0 0	3,804 0 0	1,939 0 0	1,857 0 0
3,382 0 0	277 0 0	1,154 0 0	1,659 0 0	253 0 0	577 0 0	9 0 0	30 0 0	70 0 0	1,650 0 0	223 0 0	507 0 0
8,623 0 0	1,344 0 0	1,909 0 0	15,558 0 0	8,723 0 0	3,734 0 0	328 0 0	329 0 0	8 0 0	15,230 0 0	8,394 0 0	3,726 0 0
44,973 0 0	4,947 0 0	8,106 0 0	84,369 0 0	23,801 0 0	15,636 0 0	2,303 0 0	1,437 0 0	1,135 0 0	82,066 0 0	22,364 0 0	14,501 0 0
1,299 0 0	155 0 0	318 0 0	2,223 0 0	270 0 0	570 0	.....	.....	.....	2,223 0 0	270 0 0	570 0 0
8,432 0 0	3,181 0 0	1,445 0 0	2,448 0 0	2,277 0 0	664 0 0	.....	.....	.....	2,448 0 0	2,277 0 0	664 0 0
.....	.....	.....	559 0 0	204 0 0	85 0 0	.....	.....	.....	559 0 0	204 0 0	85 0 0
131 0 0	17 0 0	33 0 0	20,883 0 0	6,414 0 0	700 0 0	.....	.....	.....	20,883 0 0	6,414 0 0	700 0 0
50 0 0	3 0 0	10 0 0	2,815 0 0	724 0 0	497 0 0	330 0 0	300 0 0	145 0 0	2,485 0 0	424 0 0	352 0 0
582 0 0	87 0 0	221 0 0	580 0 0	77 0 0	155 0 0	.....	.....	.....	580 0 0	77 0 0	155 0 0
34 0 0	5 0 0	6 0 0	526 0 0	165 0 0	120 0 0	.....	.....	.....	526 0 0	165 0 0	120 0 0
.....	.....	.....	20 0 0	5 0 0	29 0 0	.....	.....	.....	20 0 0	5 0 0	29 0 0
12 0 0	.....	.....	22 0 0	8 0 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	22 0 0	8 0 0	10 0 0
10,540 0 0	3,448 0 0	2,033 0 0	30,076 0 0	10,144 0 0	2,830 0 0	330 0 0	300 0 0	145 0 0	29,746 0 0	9,844 0 0	2,685 0 0
3,217 15 0	867 1 3	1,324 10 3	7,635 6 0	1,043 9 9	1,429 11 6	.....	.....	.....	7,635 6 0	1,043 9 9	1,429 11 6
896 0 0	128 0 0	227 0 0	428 0 0	197 0 0	230 0 0	.....	.....	.....	428 0 0	197 0 0	230 0 0
4,113 15 0	995 1 3	1,551 10 3	8,063 6 0	1,240 9 9	1,659 11 6	.....	.....	.....	8,063 6 0	1,240 9 9	1,659 11 6
95 0 0	18 0 0	30 0 0	47 0 0	5 0 0	171 0 0	.....	.....	.....	47 0 0	5 0 0	171 0 0
305 6 6	.....	44 6 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40 0 0	9 0 0	7 0 0	1,360 0 0	767 0 0	246 0 0	897 0 0	438 0 0	136 0 0	463 0 0	329 0 0	110 0 0
22,585 0 0	4,086 0 0	5,630 0 0	62,835 0 0	39,005 0 0	14,352 0 0	9,489 0 0	6,031 0 0	2,307 0 0	53,346 0 0	32,974 0 0	12,045 0 0
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23,025 6 6	4,113 0 0	5,711 6 0	64,242 0 0	39,777 0 0	14,769 0 0	10,386 0 0	6,469 0 0	2,443 0 0	53,856 0 0	33,308 0 0	12,326 0 0
.....	.....	.....	391 0 0	14 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	391 0 0	14 0 0	.....
267 0 0	1 0 0	14 0 0	466 0 0	24 0 0	10 0 0	.....	.....	.....	466 0 0	24 0 0	10 0 0
9 0 0	3 0 0	.....	338 0 0	5 0 0	2 0 0	328 0 0	3 0 0	1 0 0	10 0 0	2 0 0	1 0 0
.....	.....	.....	620 0 0	249 0 0	30 0 0	.....	.....	.....	620 0 0	249 0 0	30 0 0
487 0 0	36 0 0	235 0 0	3,120 0 0	3,251 0 0	1,136 0 0	1,732 0 0	2,772 0 0	353 0 0	1,388 0 0	479 0 0	783 0 0
763 0 0	40 0 0	249 0 0	4,935 0 0	3,543 0 0	1,178 0 0	2,060 0 0	2,775 0 0	354 0 0	2,875 0 0	768 0 0	824 0 0
4,989 0 0	156 0 0	468 0 0	6,910 0 0	208 0 0	528 0 0	588 0 0	108 0 0	41 0 0	6,322 0 0	100 0 0	487 0 0
843 0 0	3 0 0	65 0 0	591 0 0	51 0 0	5 0 0	.....	.....	.....	591 0 0	51 0 0	5 0 0
5,832 0 0	159 0 0	533 0 0	7,501 0 0	259 0 0	533 0 0	588 0 0	108 0 0	41 0 0	6,913 0 0	151 0 0	492 0 0
2 0 0	48 0 0	16 0 0	1,653 0 0	98 0 0	354 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,653 0 0	98 0 0	354 0 0
.....	.....	.....	36 0 0	10 0 0	14 0 0	.....	.....	.....	36 0 0	10 0 0	14 0 0
.....	.....	.....	72 0 0	14 0 0	11 0 0	.....	.....	.....	72 0 0	14 0 0	11 0 0
2,397 0 0	10 0 0	96 0 0	10,355 0 0	96 0 0	690 0 0	5 0 0	.....	9 0 0	10,350 0 0	96 0 0	681 0 0
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2,399 0 0	58 0 0	112 0 0	12,116 0 0	218 0 0	1,069 0 0	5 0 0	.....	9 0 0	12,111 0 0	218 0 0	1,060 0 0
2,648 0 0	815 0 0	1,375 0 0	8,788 0 0	3,352 0 0	5,877 0 0	.....	.....	.....	8,788 0 0	3,352 0 0	5,377 0 0

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Division.	District.	Name of Estates.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1878.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Dacca.	Dacca ...	Wards' Estate ...	4,213 0 0	16 0 0	32 0 0	312 0 0	270 0 0	60 0 0	4,525 0 0	286 0 0	92 0 0
	Mymensingh	Hurrogobindo Luskur	1 12 0	0 7 0	3 6 0	.....	.....	.....	1 12 0	0 7 0	3 6 0
		Shama Sundori Chowdrany.	1,503 0 0	457 0 0	331 0 0	2,352 0 0	646 0 0	668 0 0	3,860 0 0	1,103 0 0	999 0 0
		Jugutkishore Acharjee	4,633 13 5	2,163 11 1	6,700 6 6	4,192 11 6	1,220 6 5	1,293 12 6	8,826 8 11	3,384 1 6	7,994 3 0
		Total ...	6,143 9 5	2,621 2 1	7,034 12 6	6,544 11 6	1,866 6 5	1,961 12 6	12,688 4 11	4,487 8 6	8,996 9 0
	Tipperah ...	Basarut Ally Chowdhry	14,481 0 0	7,675 0 0	2,220 0 0	1,639 0 0	2,130 0 0	856 0 0	16,120 0 0	9,805 0 0	3,076 0 0
		Mahomed Wazed ...	313 0 0	166 0 0	60 0 0	.....	16 0 0	1 0 0	313 0 0	182 0 0	61 0 0
		Total ...	14,794 0 0	7,841 0 0	2,280 0 0	1,639 0 0	2,146 0 0	857 0 0	16,433 0 0	9,987 0 0	3,137 0 0
	Backergunge	Nokoori Lal Chuckerbutty.	70 0 0	13 0 0	77 0 0	1,277 0 0	535 0 0	310 0 0	1,347 0 0	548 0 0	387 0 0
		Puttey Jungpore ...	700 0 0	1,428 0 0	.....	.....	36 0 0	20 0 0	700 0 0	1,464 0 0	20 0 0
		Nobo Doorga Debya	.....	.....	6 0 0	.....	.....	9 0 0	.....	.....	15 0 0
		Jugut Narain Roy ...	.....	23 0 0	144 0 0	.....	7 0 0	3 0 0	.....	30 0 0	147 0 0
		Mothoora Nath Roy ...	718 0 0	563 0 0	112 0 0	2,667 0 0	2,307 0 0	691 0 0	3,385 0 0	2,870 0 0	803 0 0
		Bepin Behary Das ...	325 0 0	337 0 0	85 0 0	738 0 0	31 0 0	97 0 0	1,063 0 0	368 0 0	182 0 0
		Hurro Coomar Das ...	.....	.....	629 0 0	.....	.....	17 0 0	.....	.....	646 0 0
		Mohun Chand Chuckerbutty.	7,643 0 0	6,181 0 0	921 0 0	1,100 0 0	1,044 0 0	201 0 0	8,743 0 0	7,225 0 0	1,122 0 0
		Total ...	9,456 0 0	8,545 0 0	1,974 0 0	5,782 0 0	3,960 0 0	1,348 0 0	15,238 0 0	12,505 0 0	3,322 0 0
Chittagong.	Chittagong...	Hediat Ally Chowdhry	953 12 8	64 13 11	38 13 6	616 7 10	4 11 10	126 4 8	1,570 4 6	69 9 9	165 2 2
		Ameerunnissa	154 8 9	11 3 8	2 3 0	.....	4 1 7	21 9 3	154 8 9	15 5 3	23 12 3
		Romesh Chunder Chowdhry.	.....	.....	.....	445 10 3	557 7 0	1 0 6	445 10 3	557 7 0	1 0 6
		Magun Das Roy ...	.....	.....	.....	914 5 0	40 0 7	87 13 3	914 5 0	40 0 7	87 13 3
		Nyantara's Estate ...	6,287 2 5	1,747 5 2	937 5 8	2,555 2 0	146 8 4	991 0 5	8,842 4 5	1,893 13 6	1,928 6 1
		Rajkishen Banerjee ...	3,552 1 7	473 2 7	135 11 8	8,215 7 9	56 15 9	301 0 1	11,767 9 4	530 2 4	436 11 9
		Fuzzel Ahmed ...	2,540 10 5	400 9 1	277 0 3	653 3 8	8 15 6	42 2 9	3,193 14 1	409 8 7	319 3 0
		Total ...	13,488 3 10	2,697 2 5	1,391 2 1	13,400 4 6	818 12 7	1,570 14 11	26,888 8 4	3,515 15 0	2,962 1 0
	Noakholly ...	Annogo Mohun Mozoomdar.	410 0 0	41 0 0	410 0 0	176 0 0	37 0 0	50 0 0	586 0 0	78 0 0	460 0 0
		Bhuluah Estate ...	10,254 0 0	4,921 0 0	4,129 0 0	15,918 0 0	3,017 0 0	4,800 0 0	26,172 0 0	7,938 0 0	8,929 0 0
		Courjon	6,249 0 0	2,033 0 0	2,806 0 0	6,012 0 0	2,330 0 0	2,645 0 0	12,261 0 0	4,363 0 0	5,451 0 0
		Total ...	16,913 0 0	6,995 0 0	7,345 0 0	22,106 0 0	5,384 0 0	7,495 0 0	39,019 0 0	12,379 0 0	14,840 0 0
Patna.	Dhurbhunga	Allinuggur Estate ...	1,873 0 0	415 0 0	308 0 0	.....	.....	8 0 0	1,873 0 0	415 0 0	316 0 0
		Nurhan ,, ...	.....	.....	189 0 0	65,906 0 0	21,733 0 0	4,361 0 0	65,906 0 0	21,733 0 0	4,550 0 0
		Total ...	1,873 0 0	415 0 0	497 0 0	65,906 0 0	21,733 0 0	4,369 0 0	67,779 0 0	22,148 0 0	4,866 0 0
	Gya	Puchakur Estate ...	2,472 0 0	1,006 0 0	717 0 0	.....	.....	.....	2,472 0 0	1,006 0 0	717 0 0
	Mozufferpore	Raj Durbhunga ...	4,95,902 0 0	3,47,847 0 0	76,097 0 0	81,662 0 0	17,633 0 0	15,716 0 0	5,77,564 0 0	3,65,480 0 0	91,813 0 0
		Kanhowli Estate ...	9,977 0 0	1,405 0 0	1,553 0 0	1,118 0 0	342 0 0	329 0 0	11,095 0 0	1,747 0 0	1,882 0 0
		Total ...	5,05,879 0 0	3,49,252 0 0	77,650 0 0	82,780 0 0	17,975 0 0	16,045 0 0	5,88,659 0 0	3,67,227 0 0	93,695 0 0
	Sarun ...	Wards' Estate ...	179 0 0	51 0 0	3,780 0 0	.....	510 0 0	4,369 0 0	179 0 0	561 0 0	8,149 0 0
	Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh ...	13,645 0 0	4,170 0 0	826 0 0	998 0 0	362 0 0	163 0 0	14,643 0 0	4,532 0 0	989 0 0
		Raghoonundun Persad	3,670 0 0	419 0 0	655 0 0	1,968 0 0	310 0 0	193 0 0	5,638 0 0	729 0 0	848 0 0
		Chuker Sarun Narain Sing.	1,402 0 0	78 0 0	102 0 0	3,582 0 0	122 0 0	254 0 0	4,984 0 0	200 0 0	356 0 0
		Total ...	18,717 0 0	4,667 0 0	1,583 0 0	6,548 0 0	794 0 0	610 0 0	25,265 0 0	5,461 0 0	2,193 0 0
	Patna ...	Wards' Estate ...	140 0 0	58 0 0	366 0 0	4,274 0 0	4 0 0	70 0 0	4,414 0 0	62 0 0	436 0 0
Bhagulpore.	Bhagulpore ...	Raj Durbhunga ...	16,870 0 0	6,937 0 0	2,548 0 0	26,084 0 0	5,390 0 0	3,053 0 0	42,954 0 0	12,327 0 0	5,601 0 0
	Monghyr	Phulbariah ...	1,826 0 0	1,456 0 0	499 0 0	433 0 0	172 0 0	190 0 0	2,259 0 0	1,628 0 0	689 0 0
		Chanthan Estate* ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	1,826 0 0	1,456 0 0	499 0 0	433 0 0	172 0 0	190 0 0	2,259 0 0	1,628 0 0	689 0 0
	Purneah	Dhurrumpore ...	6,256 0 0	1,256 0 0	2,108 0 0	3,588 0 0	64 0 0	1,477 0 0	9,844 0 0	1,320 0 0	3,585 0 0
		Soorjapore ...	22,131 0 0	574 0 0	3,135 0 0	8,755 0 0	3,783 0 0	1,844 0 0	30,886 0 0	4,357 0 0	4,979 0 0
		Total ...	28,387 0 0	1,830 0 0	5,243 0 0	12,343 0 0	3,847 0 0	3,321 0 0	40,730 0 0	5,677 0 0	8,564 0 0
	Maldah*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa.	Cuttack ...	Kanika ...	.....	.....	86 0 0	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	86 0 0
	Pooree ...	Wards' Estate ...	.....	.....	.....	249 0 0	9 0 0	33 0 0	249 0 0	9 0 0	33 0 0
Chota Nagpore.	Hazaribagh ...	Ditto ditto ...	†12,682 0 0	†2,639 0 0	†4,530 0 0	4,245 0 0	1,112 0 0	2,070 0 0	16,927 0 0	3,751 0 0	6,600 0 0
	Manbhoom	Nonagur	1,351 0 0	131 0 0	64 0 0	.....	74 0 0	66 0 0	1,351 0 0	205 0 0	130 0 0
		Supur	20 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0	120 0 0	5 0 0	1 0 0	140 0 0	7 0 0	4 0 0
		Katras	.....	.....	.....	1,117 0 0	20 0 0	1 0 0	1,117 0 0	20 0 0	1 0 0
		Total ...	1,371 0 0	133 0 0	67 0 0	1,237 0 0	99 0 0	68 0 0	2,608 0 0	232 0 0	135 0 0
	Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore ...	26,324 0 0	4,784 0 0	3,053 0 0	13,792 0 0	3,562 0 0	2,097 0 0	40,116 0 0	8,346 0 0	5,150 0 0
		Deogant	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	26,324 0 0	4,784 0 0	3,053 0 0	13,792 0 0	3,562 0 0	2,097 0 0	40,116 0 0	8,346 0 0	5,150 0 0
		Grand Total ...	9,75,833 3 0	4,86,227 11 1	1,65,957 0 5	3,79,316 14 0	1,04,204 12 6	77,656 7 2	13,55,150 1 0	5,90,432 7 7	2,43,613 7 7

* Not received.
† The discrepancy is owing to the writing off of a decree for which an
‡ Revised figures called for, but not yet received.

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Realized during 1878-79.			Balances.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
97 0 0	2 0 0	51 0 0	4,428 0 0	284 0 0	41 0 0	.....	.....	.....	4,428 0 0	284 0 0	41 0 0
.....	.....	.....	1 12 0	0 7 0	3 6 0	.....	.....	.....	1 12 0	0 7 0	3 6 0
1,863 0 0	601 0 0	659 0 0	1,997 0 0	502 0 0	340 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,997 0 0	502 0 0	340 0 0
3,508 11 1	505 15 1	831 3 3	5,317 13 10	2,878 2 5	7,162 15 9	.....	220 4 6	703 12 0	5,317 13 10	2,657 13 11	6,459 3 9
5,371 11 1	1,106 15 1	1,490 3 3	7,316 9 10	3,380 9 5	7,506 5 9	.....	220 4 6	703 12 0	7,316 9 10	3,160 4 11	6,802 9 9
6,620 0 0	3,495 0 0	1,844 0 0	9,500 0 0	6,310 0 0	1,232 0 0	837 0 0	19 0 0	.....	8,663 0 0	6,291 0 0	1,232 0 0
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6,625 0 0	3,495 0 0	1,844 0 0	9,808 0 0	6,492 0 0	1,293 0 0	837 0 0	19 0 0	.....	8,971 0 0	6,473 0 0	1,293 0 0
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instalment bond has been executed by the judgment-debtor.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1878.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1878 to 31st March 1879.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Burdwan	Burdwan	3,205 0 0	.....	.....	1,619 0 0	.....	73 0 0	4,824 0 0	.....	73 0 0
	Bankoora	1,453 4 0	58 9 11	72 10 3	498 0 0	47 15 6	60 13 6	1,951 4 0	106 9 5	133 7 9
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	45 7 9	.....	.....	45 7 9	.....	.....
	Midnapore	5,682 0 0	.....	110 0 0	1,352 0 0	.....	56 0 0	7,034 0 0	.....	166 0 0
	Hooghly	.....	.....	.....	4,717 0 0	231 0 0	179 0 0	4,717 0 0	231 0 0	179 0 0
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	*4,329 0 0	.....	*108 0 0	3,796 0 0	.....	82 0 0	8,125 0 0	.....	190 0 0
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39 8 5	.....	.....	39 8 5
	Jessore	1,113 0 0	.....	.....	580 0 0	.....	.....	1,693 0 0	.....	.....
	Moorshedabad	4,110 15 0	.....	†21 7 0	1,421 2 6	.....	28 3 0	5,532 1 6	.....	49 10 0
Rajshahye	Rajshahye	.....	.....	362 9 9	.....	.....	386 6 3	.....	.....	749 0 0
	Dinagepore	936 0 0	.....	40 0 0	.....	.....	41 0 0	936 0 0	.....	81 0 0
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	75 0 0	.....	.....	75 0 0	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	.....	590 5 6	.....	.....	980 0 0	.....	.....	1,570 5 6
Dacca	Dacca	4,453 0 0	.....	9 0 0	1,678 0 0	.....	63 0 0	6,131 0 0	.....	72 0 0
	Backergunge	1,444 0 0	45 0 0	59 0 0	269 0 0	7 0 0	33 0 0	1,713 0 0	52 0 0	92 0 0
	Mymensingh	2,662 8 0	.....	54 8 3	712 8 0	.....	51 0 0	3,375 0 0	.....	105 8 3
	Tipperah	.....	.....	47 0 0	.....	.....	75 0 0	.....	.....	122 0 0
	Furreedpore	1,624 0 0	.....	72 0 0	175 0 0	.....	.....	1,799 0 0	.....	72 0 0
Chittagong	Chittagong	908 10 11	.....	22 0 0	1,209 13 0	.....	11 5 6	2,118 7 11	.....	33 5 6
Patna	Patna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Mozufferpore	5,397 5 0	.....	45 4 0	.....	.....	16 4 0	5,397 5 0	.....	61 8 0
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	149 9 0	.....	1 2 4	1 2 0	.....	1 2 4	150 11 0
	Gya	310 0 0	5 0 0	3 0 0	546 0 0	8 0 0	40 0 0	856 0 0	13 0 0	43 0 0
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad	2,593 0 0	.....	.....	481 0 0	.....	.....	3,074 0 0	.....	.....
	Chumparun	75 0 0	.....	6 0 0	.....	.....	.....	75 0 0	.....	6 0 0
Bhagulpore	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	11 10 3	.....	.....	11 10 3	.....	.....
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	4,702 11 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 15 3	4,702 11 0	.....	60 15 3
	Balasore	.....	.....	17 11 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 11 3
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	1,204 0 0	86 0 0	116 0 0	54 0 0	21 0 0	87 0 0	1,258 0 0	107 0 0	203 0 0
	Manbhoom	4,900 0 0	.....	30 0 0	841 0 0	.....	29 0 0	5,741 0 0	.....	59 0 0
	Total	51,103 5 11	194 9 11	1,936 1 0	20,081 9 6	316 1 10	2,393 9 11	71,184 15 5	510 11 9	4,329 10 11

* The discrepancy is owing to a double entry in the Collector's
† This discrepancy is owing to Rs. 30 being shown as realized

Government in Pauper Suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1879.

Realized during 1878-79.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
900 0 0	.....	60 0 0	3,924 0 0	.....	13 0 0	1,525 0 0	.....	.....	2,399 0 0	.....	13 0 0	73 0 0
336 13 6	40 12 0	48 9 6	1,614 6 6	65 13 5	85 0 3	68 12 0	.....	.....	1,545 10 6	65 13 5	85 0 3	54 11 0
45 7 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 8 9
587 0 0	.....	18 0 0	6,447 0 0	.....	148 0 0	3,949 0 0	.....	128 0 0	2,498 0 0	.....	20 0 0	56 0 0
1,604 0 0	225 0 0	106 0 0	3,114 0 0	6 0 0	73 0 0	.....	.....	.....	3,114 0 0	6 0 0	73 0 0	72 9 6
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482 0 0	.....	.....	1,211 0 0	.....	.....	498 0 0	.....	.....	713 0 0	.....	.....	57 6 0
967 1 6	.....	20 10 0	4,565 0 0	.....	29 0 0	111 0 0	.....	.....	4,454 0 0	.....	29 0 0	39 9 0
.....	.....	169 0 0	.....	.....	580 0 0	.....	.....	0 0 0	.....	.....	480 0 0	.....
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75 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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330 0 0	.....	72 0 0	5,801 0 0	.....	.....	2,151 0 0	.....	.....	3,650 0 0	.....	.....	56 13 3
433 0 0	5 0 0	47 0 0	1,280 0 0	47 0 0	45 0 0	580 0 0	.....	26 0 0	700 0 0	47 0 0	19 0 0	26 2 9
447 9 0	.....	12 0 0	2,927 7 0	.....	93 8 3	2,054 0 0	.....	37 8 0	873 7 0	.....	56 0 3	55 12 9
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return for last year.
instead of Rs. 20 in the last year's statement.

Reg. No. 3320—193—4-7-79.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Calcutta, the 18th August 1879.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1878-79.

Read again—

The report for the previous year and the orders of Government thereon.

AT the beginning of the year there were eleven appeals pending before the Privy Council, but only one more was preferred during the year. Out of these twelve cases, five, in which the Maharajah of Dumraon appealed against Government, were compromised, two were decided in favour of Government, and in two cases negotiations for compromise are in progress. Excluding these cases, which will, it is hoped, be shortly settled out of court, there remained only three appeals to the Privy Council pending at the close of the year.

2. The following table exhibits the leading statistical data connected with the disposal of civil suits in which Government was concerned during the past three years:—

	Cases.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
	Before High Court.			
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	19	25	37
	Ditto against Government ...	3	1	5
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn...	9	4	5
	Total ...	31	30	47
	Before Lower Courts.			
	Decided in favour of Government ...	82	35	29
	Ditto against Government ...	10	10	9
	Compromised or withdrawn* ...	7	3	4
	Total ...	99	48	42
Original cases ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	151	357	787
	Ditto against Government ...	74	60	61
	Compromised or withdrawn ...	256	8	15
	Total ...	481	425	863
Total ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	252	417	853
	Ditto against Government ...	87	71	75
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn...	272	15	24
	GRAND TOTAL ...	611	503	952

* Excluding cases transferred.

The great increase in litigation, as compared with previous years, occurred in the two districts of Patna and Tirhoot, in the former of which there were 95 suits in connection with land taken up for public purposes, while in the latter 608 suits were instituted for arrears of rent at enhanced rates. Of the total number of cases, the percentage decided in favour of Government was 90·8 as compared with 84·1 in the previous year; excluding the 24 cases compromised, remanded, or withdrawn the percentage was 92 as compared with 85 in 1877-78 and 74 in 1876-77.

3. The result of Government litigation in the High Court was as usual satisfactory. Of the five cases decided against Government, four were instituted by the same person on account of the same subject matter, so that in only two distinct cases was the decision adverse to Government. Three of the cases decided in favour of Government were of considerable public importance. The most important was the appeal preferred by Government against the decision of the Judge of Bankoora in the case of the Sirdar ghatwal Poran Sing. This case was noticed in the resolution on last year's report. The judgment of the High Court has definitely settled the relations between the District Magistrate and the ghatwali police, and will, it is hoped, put an end to much of the litigation in connection with service tenures. Two suits brought against judicial officers for acts done in their public capacity were dismissed by the High Court.

4. The result of litigation in which the Court of Wards was interested during the past three years was as follows:—

	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.
Decided in favour of wards ...	1,884	3,557	4,514
Ditto against wards ...	275	225	289
Compromised, withdrawn, or remanded	82	144	113
Total ...	2,241	3,926	4,916

The increase in litigation is accounted for by the institution of 944 suits in Julpigoree for the recovery of advances made to ryots during the last famine as compared with 332 similar suits in 1877-78, and to the increased number of rent suits filed in Jessore and Burdwan. Of 30 wards' cases decided in the High Court and 204 in the lower Appellate Courts, two in the former and 84 in the latter resulted adversely to the Court of Wards: Eighty out of the 84 cases last named and 163 out of the 203 original cases decided against the Court of Wards, were conducted without reference to the Legal Remembrancer. Probably, if more cases were referred the result would be slightly more favourable to the Court of Wards, but the saving effected by not consulting the Legal Remembrancer in the numerous unimportant cases that necessarily arise in connection with the management of wards' estates far more than compensates for the loss incurred in the institution of a few cases that would perhaps not have been filed had the advice of the Legal Remembrancer been taken. Under no circumstances is a Commissioner or Collector allowed to prefer an appeal to the High Court without taking the advice of the Legal Remembrancer. Of the 113 cases that were compromised, remanded, or withdrawn, the result in 79 was favourable to the wards. Including these cases the number decided in favour of the Court of Wards was 93·4 per cent. of the total number of cases.

5. The amount realized during the year on account of Government decrees was Rs. 49,224 or 7½ per cent. of the total demand of Rs. 6,63,032. Of this latter sum Rs. 5,49,842 was due under a decree against the Port Canning Municipality, but no portion of the amount realized out of the assets of this estate was distributed during the year. Excluding this decree, the realizations were 43½ per cent. of the total demand against 61 per cent. in 1877-78, 53 per cent. in 1876-77, and 17 per cent. in 1875-76. The outstandings at the close of the year were largest in Bankoora, Beerbhoom, Hooghly, Mozufferpore, Shahabad, and Manbhoom. In Bankoora, Mozufferpore, and Manbhoom most of the balances outstanding are irrecoverable, as the judgment-debtors have no property. In Beerbhoom and Hooghly the greater portions of the balances are due on decrees against which appeals have been filed, and in Shahabad nearly the whole sum outstanding at the close of the year was due from the Maharajah of Dumraon, but will now be written off as the disputes between him and Government have been compromised. Mr. O'Kinealy complains of the existing practice under which subordinate ministerial officers are frequently employed in making enquiries into the possibility of realizing Government decrees. On this subject the Lieutenant-Governor will be glad to receive a special report, together with the Legal Remembrancer's recommendations.

6. Of the sum of Rs. 21,89,196, the total balance due under decrees in favour of wards' estates, Rs. 3,31,184 or 15 per cent. was realized during the year, against 23 per cent. in 1877-78 and 14 per cent. in 1876-77. Comparing the sum realized with the amount decreed during the year, it appears that 59 per cent. was realized against 78 per cent. in 1877-78 and 61 per cent. in 1876-77.

ORDER.—Ordered that copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information and guidance.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

HORACE A. COCKERELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 3431.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information and guidance.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. M. KISCH,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 18th August 1879.

W. H.—Reg. No. 5608—19-8-79.

REPORT

ON

THE LEGAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

BENGAL GOVERNMENT

FOR THE YEAR

1879-80.

Calcutta:
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1880.

No. 471.

FROM J. O'KINEALY, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Fort William, the 30th June 1880.

SIR,

I HAVE the honor to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was engaged during the year 1879-80.

Pending in 1878-79.

1-5. Radha Prosad Singh *versus* Government.
6. Desputty Singh *versus* Banee Persad.
7. Bissessur Lall Sahoo *versus* Raj Durbhanga.
8. Chucker Sarun Singh *versus* Roop Moonjori.
9 & 10. Rajah Lelanund Singh *versus* Raj Durbhanga.

Instituted in 1879-80.

11. Puddo Coomaree Debee *versus* Jagutkishore Acharjye.
12. Ramlall Mookerjee *versus* Government and others.
13. Government *versus* Gajendra Narain Roy, after his death his wife Anundmoyee.
14. Rajah Nilmony Singh *versus* Bukru Nath Singh and Government.
15. Rajah Woodoy Additto Deb *versus* Jadublall Aditto.

2. I give in the margin the titles of the ten appeals that were pending in the Privy Council at the close of last year, and also of the five instituted during the year under review.

3. In paragraph 3 of my last year's report I stated that five appeals, prosecuted by the Moharaja of Dumraon, had been amicably settled. The manner in which they have been settled is well known to Government, and I beg to refer to the judgments of the Judicial Committee of Her Majesty's Privy Council, copies of which were forwarded to this office with your office No. 1620, dated 20th March 1880. In regard to the appeal of Desputty Singh *versus* Ranee Persad, I may mention that the litigation connected with the estate of this minor having been settled out of court, the case was not prosecuted in the Privy Council. The appeal of Bissessur Lall Sahoo *versus* Raj Durbhanga was dismissed by the Privy Council on the 15th July 1879. The appeal of Sriraj Chucker Tarun Narain Singh, lunatic, *versus* Roop Moonjori Koer was dismissed without costs on the 29th November 1879 on the basis of compromise effected between the husband and wife. The two appeals of Rajah Lelanund Singh *versus* Raj Durbhanga are no longer in our hands, as the estate is not now under the Court of Wards. Five appeals, instituted during the year, still remain. In the case of Puddo Coomaree Debee *versus* Juggutkishore Acharjee, minor, instructions have been sent to the Solicitor of the India Office, London, to enter appearance, and the usual memorandum for his guidance is under preparation. In Ramlall Mookerjee *versus* Government and others the papers have already been transmitted to England, and the printed note for the guidance of the Solicitor of the Secretary of State has already been submitted to Government with this office No. 78, dated 14th April last. In the appeals of Government *versus* Anundmoyee and Rajah Nilmony Singh *versus* Government the papers have not been translated, and some time must elapse before these cases are ready for transmission to England. The appeal of Woodoy Additto Deb *versus* Jadublall Additto was filed before the estate came under the Court of Wards. The Manager's name has recently been substituted on the record for that of the appellant. This estate

seems to be in anything but a favourable financial position. The Manager was unable to deposit Rs. 4,000 to meet the usual costs of the Privy Council, and was compelled to give for the amount a security bond which has been forwarded by the High Court to the Lower Court for enquiry into the nature and validity of the security advanced.

4. The following table shows the result of the civil litigation in all the courts of Bengal in which Government was a party as compared with the two previous years:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of Government	417	853	379
Decided against Government	71	75	306
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	19	24	35
Transferred	...	5	...
Percentage in favour of Government	85	92	55

5. I regret to have to report a serious decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government during the year. The cause is not difficult to discover. In paragraph 6 of last year's report I pointed out that a large mass of litigation—in all 608 suits—had been instituted without any communication with this office, and I added that it was difficult to determine beforehand the result of this action. We now know that of the 308 appeals which appear as decided against us in this table, 268 cases belong to that litigation. Neglecting them the percentage on cases for which this office is more or less responsible is 91 per cent. in favour of Government.

6. The result of the Government litigation in the High Court as compared with the two previous years is as follows:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of Government	25	37	14
Decided against Government...	1	5	3
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	4	5	...
Percentage in favour of Government	96	88	82

7. The details of the adverse cases are as follows:—

Lala Manik Chand *versus* Government and others.

Plaintiff sued for certain lands as auction-purchaser of 10 annas 13 gundas 2 cowris of mouzah Shamsherepore, in the district of Monghyr, which he stated he had obtained possession in execution of decree. The land lay on the south of the Ganges, and the revenue authorities holding that there existed a clear and definite usage of alluvion and diluvion in regard to estates affected by the Ganges, according to which the main channel of the river should be considered to be the boundary between all estates lying on its banks irrespective of whatever changes might take place in the river, assessed the land as towfeer belonging to the Patna district.

This also was the defence raised on behalf of the Secretary of State in the Civil Court, and the Subordinate Judge who tried the case, believing in the existence of the custom set up by us, dismissed the suit. In appeal the High Court reversed this decision. The Hon'ble Judges held that the evidence considered sufficient by the Lower Court did not warrant the conclusion that had been drawn from it, and deciding that the existence of the usage put forward had not been satisfactorily established, declared that the plaintiff was entitled to $13\frac{1}{2}$ annas of mouzah Shamsherepore as surveyed in 1865 and 1866. This decision corresponds with the opinion expressed by the Privy Council in the appeal of Radha Proshad Sing *versus* Ram Coomar Sing, and in future it will be impossible for the revenue authorities to assert as a ground for assessment the existence of any such usage in the Behar districts lying on the shores of the river Ganges.

This suit is one of the two cases referred to in paragraph 23 of this office report for 1877-78. Both the cases were decided against us by the Subordinate Judge of Furreedpore. In one of them we appealed to the High Court, and in the other the case under review we appealed to the Judge. The High Court, however, called for the record and decided both the cases together. Their Lordships decreed our appeal to the High Court, but dismissed that which we had preferred in the Lower Court. There was no point of law involved in the view taken by the Hon'ble Judges. They held there was sufficient evidence on the record to show that the disputed land formed an accretion to the plaintiff's estate.

Government, Appellant, Defendant, *versus* Meer Moazim Hossein.

The plaintiff in this case is the zemindar of three pergunnahs, viz. Dukhinmul, Bahirmootah, and Bhaitgur, in the district of Midnapore. From before the period of the Permanent Settlement, Government held a portion of his zemindari as khelari or salt lands. In 1864, when the Salt Agency was given up, the Collector called upon the zemindar to enter into a settlement for the lands occupied by the Salt Department. The zemindar refused, alleging that these lands formed part and parcel of his permanently-settled estate, and asserted that Government had no right to assess them *de novo*. Government then made a temporary settlement with others, and the plaintiff brought this suit to set aside the settlement and to recover possession of the lands. The Lower Court dismissed the suit, but on appeal to the High Court it was remanded, when a partial decree was given to the plaintiff. It came up again to the High Court, and the Lower Court's judgment was set aside and a decree given to the plaintiff. Against this judgment of the High Court an appeal has been preferred to Her Majesty in Council. The particulars of this case have been fully reported to Government in this office letter No. 1421, of the 20th January last.

Midnapore.
Rajah Gajendra Narain Roy *versus* Government.

8. When filling up the returns for the past year I found that there existed materials in the office for determining the average or ordinary time during which regular appeals remain pending in the High Court. The result of the statistics of the last five years, extracted from the returns of Government and wards' cases, is as follows:—

Number of years after institution.	Number of cases pending.	Number disposed of up to the end of the year.
0	100	0
1	96	4
2	32	64
3	20	80
4	0	100

It appears from this table that the average duration of a regular appeal is about 18 months. This is of course only an approximation to the truth. The returns of this office do not contain a sufficient number of cases to render the probability of the result almost a certainty, but it is an approximation which is, I believe, not far from the true result.

9. The following is the result of Government litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of Government	35	29	31
Decided against Government	10	9	277
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	3	4	4
Transferred	0	5	0
Percentage in favour of Government	77	76	10

10. As I have already stated, 268 out of the 277 appeals decided adversely to Government were suits for enhancement of rent in the Government estates of Buktiarpore and Malinuggur lying in the Durbhunga district. These suits were conducted without reference to this office. Deducting these cases from the number of adverse decisions the percentage would be 77.

11. The following is a brief account of four out of the nine appeal cases we lost in the Lower Appellate Courts:—

In these cases the plaintiffs sued to recover possession of certain lands as appertaining to their permanently-settled mehal Chur Gobindchari from which they were said to have been dispossessed in 1284 by Maharani Brojo Sundari, the Government izardar of Chur Guzaria. We contended that only 87 bighas belonged to the plaintiffs' mehal, and the rest formed a portion of the Government Chur Guzaria. The Subordinate Judge, however, decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiffs with the exception of a small portion of the lands. Against this decision the Collector appealed without the sanction of this office, and then I was compelled to let them proceed. The Judge found that the plaintiffs' possession was proved, and dismissed the appeals.

Mymensingh.

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Tarine Churn Chuckerbutty, plaintiff respondent.
Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Maharani Sarut Sundari, plaintiff respondent.
Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Anandmoyee, plaintiff respondent.
Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Dhorony Dhur Banerjee, plaintiff respondent.

In the remaining cases Government was not the party most interested in the result. One of them was a suit instituted in order to determine the nature of a tenure held by a Kazi in Palamow, which had originally been created by the Rajah of Palamow and subsequently confirmed by Government; and the remaining cases were suits against ghatwals for possession of land which the ghatwals claimed as service lands. In all these and similar cases Government is frequently involved in litigation, often against its will, on account of its connection with either one or other of the real parties.

Lohardugga.

Sheo Shahai Sahoo, one of the defendants, appellants, *versus* Government, defendant, respondent, and Syud Hamid Russool, plaintiff, respondent.

12. The result of original cases of Government is as follows:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of Government ...	357	787	334
Do. against ditto	60	61	26
Compromised or withdrawn	8	15	31
Percentage in favour of Government ...	85	92	92

13. A short account of some cases we lost is given below:—

The plaintiff, a Rural Sub-Registrar, retained a clerk to prepare an index, and then sued the Secretary of State to recover the pay of the clerk (Rs. 135), on the ground that he was not bound to prepare the index. We contended that the plaintiff as Rural Sub-Registrar was bound to prepare the index, but that even if he were not, in no case could he recover the amount claimed. The question involved was of considerable importance to Government, since, if it could be held that there was an implied obligation to pay every clerk engaged by subordinate officers, it would be difficult to estimate the amount for which Government might be rendered responsible. Strange to say, the Moonsif decreed the suit, and we were put to the trouble of appealing in order to get the decision reversed.

Burdwan.

Beharry Lall Mookerjee *versus* Government.

Plaintiff sued to recover the price of articles supplied by him to the Marine Superintendent in the Kidderpore Dockyard under a contract. Our defence was that the price charged for some of the articles supplied was higher than the market price. The suit was decreed in favour of Government, except in the matter of costs, and it was not considered worth the trouble to appeal from this portion of the decree.

24-Pergunnahs.

Hem Chunder Ghosal *versus* Government.

In this case the plaintiff sued to recover Rs. 487 for repairs done to the dwelling-house and court-house of the Deputy Magistrate of Jumalpore, in pursuance of a contract entered into between him and the Executive Engineer of Mymensingh; but as we had no knowledge of the contract said to have been entered into with the Executive Engineer, who had retired from Government service, we did not admit it, and contended that the repairs had not been properly executed. The

Mymensingh.

Koylash Chunder Ghose *versus* Government.

Moonsif, however, was of opinion that the plaintiff's case was proved by the evidence of his witnesses, and decreed the claim. I cannot see how the Moonsif could have decided differently. The case was the natural outcome of irregularities of some officials in the Public Works who have since left the Department.

Noakholly.

Radha Pershad Wasti *versus* Government.

This is a suit to contest the right of Government to enhance the rent of a Shikmi talook. Our reply was that the rent of the talook was not fixed for ever, but liable to enhancement, and that an equitable jumma had been assessed. The court however ruled otherwise, and decreed the plaintiff's claim. An appeal has been filed in the High Court.

Guru Nath Sen *versus* Government.

In this case, which is somewhat similar to that last mentioned, the plaintiff sued to establish his howladari right in chur Leander, which is Government property. We denied having granted him any such howla. The court found that Government recognised the plaintiff as a howladar, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's claim. An appeal has been filed against the Moonsif's decision, which is now pending. The ultimate decision of these two cases, and in a special manner the first, will affect the interest which Government possesses in some other temporarily-settled estates in the district of Noakholly; and in consultation with the revenue authorities, every means have been adopted to protect the rights of the State against these claims to participate in the rents of Government estates,—claims which are persistently put forward at every settlement. One difficulty is that local officers have sometimes not carefully defined the rights of the under-tenants, and the latter are allowed to retain the same or similar positions from settlement to settlement, so that at last it becomes difficult to prove that the position they assume has not been acknowledged by the State.

Gya.

Tilukdhary Singh *versus* Government.

This is a suit for construction of bridges on the Gya and Patna State Railways for the purposes of irrigation to certain villages lying on the side of the railway line on right of prescription. We stated in defence that the land having been acquired under Act X of 1870 for public purposes, the plaintiff could not maintain the suit, inasmuch as there could be no right of prescription against Government without a sixty years' user, and denied that the defendant could be legally compelled to construct any bridge not required for the railway. The Subordinate Judge gave a modified decree to the plaintiff for the construction of one out of the three bridges claimed. This case was not reported to this office.

Manbhoom.

Mohun Lall Singh *versus* Government.

This is a dispute about land which the plaintiff claimed as *mal* and we claimed as *ghatwali*, and we lost the case. An experience of several years has confirmed me in the opinion which I have long entertained that Government generally loses cases connected with chakeran lands held by ghatwals and chowkidars. I am not aware of all the causes of our failure; but I fear that unless these lands are carefully demarcated, they will be gradually encroached upon and ultimately lost to the State.

The Gaya escheat cases.

14. These cases, four in number, concerned, as to the first three, the property left by one Barati Begum, and the fourth an estate bought by Shahebzadi Begum, the widow of one of Barati Begum's sons, from funds which were derived from Barati Begum's estate.

Barati Begum was the daughter of a peada in the service of one of the Delhi Shahzades residing in Benares. When about 20 years old she found her way to Tikari in Gaya, and was there taken in to the zenana of Mode Narayan Sing, the Hindu Raja of Tikari, a very wealthy zemindar. This Raja, twice married to Hindu ladies of rank, had no legitimate sons, but he had two sons and two daughters by Barati Begum, and she, in the course of time, acquired complete ascendency over him, and obtained lavish gifts of money, jewels, and land.

Barati Begum survived the Raja and died in 1860, leaving two sons and one daughter surviving her, who took possession of all her property, without opposition. The local Government officials, and the people generally, appear to have thought that these children were, under the Mahomedan law, heirs of the deceased Begum.

But some years after Barati Begum's death her younger son, Ekbal Bahadoor, died, leaving a widow, Shahebzadi Begum, to whom he had given a life interest in all his property. The eldest son, Himmut Bahadoor, instituted a suit against the widow in which, alleging that his mother and her family were Shiahs, he was entitled to succeed to his brother's property. He further alleged that Ekbal had not married Shahebzadi, and that she was merely his concubine. This insult so infuriated the widow that, not content with proving as she did the validity of her own marriage, she set up a plea which, while it had the effect of defeating her brother-in-law's claim, was fatal also to her own title. She pleaded that Himmut Bahadoor, being the son of a Hindu father and of a Mahomedan mother, was illegitimate, could not, under the Shia law of India, which differs in this respect from the Sunni or prevailing Mahomedan law, have any title to succeed to the property left by her husband; and advanced in support of her contention the Shia text: "The illegitimate child has no *nusub* or parentage. Consequently, neither the zani or he who has unlawfully begotten, nor she who bore him, nor any of their relations, can be his heir, nor has he any title to their succession." Himmut Bahadoor met this plea by the counter allegation that the Hindu Raja had been converted to Mahomedanism and had married Barati Begum in due form. The widow adduced evidence to contradict this case, and it was decided by the local court, and on appeal by the High Court, that the story of the marriage was false, and Himmut Bahadoor's claim to his brother's estate was dismissed on the ground of his illegitimacy. Mr. Justice Kemp in his judgment threw out the suggestion that if the widow had no title, the property would probably escheat to the Crown. This was brought to the notice of the Board of Revenue by the Legal Remembrancer; but Government directed that no suit should be instituted to enforce the escheat until after the decision of the Privy Council had been obtained. Their Lordships of the Privy Council confirmed the finding and judgment of the lower courts.

In the meanwhile Shahebzadi Begum died, leaving all her husband's property to Jelaluddin, his sister's son.

Suits were eventually instituted in May 1878, but the most valuable portion of the property left by Barati Begum, viz. the Belkharrah pergunnah, the value of which is estimated at 20 lakhs of rupees was, under the orders of Government, excluded from the plaints in our suits against the son and daughter of Barati Begum. The lady had left an informal document in which she expressed a desire that this property should be divided in certain shares among her children, and it was thought best not to insist on the strict law which rendered this instrument invalid.

The value of the property sued for was as follows:—

		Rs.
1.	As against Barati Begum's son, Himmut Bahadoor, for land, cash, jewels, and mesne profits	11,37,004
2.	As against her daughter for land, cash, jewels, and mesne profits	5,70,479
3.	As against Jelaluddin for land, cash, jewels, and mesne profits	21,76,227
	Total ...	38,83,710

Mr. Kilby, the Deputy Legal Remembrancer, was deputed to conduct the Government case.

The defendants set up quite a different case from that which had been put forward in the litigation between Himmut Bahadoor and Shahebzadi. They

no longer denied that Barati's children were illegitimate, but they pleaded that though they themselves might have no title, the Government could not claim an escheat, as Barati Begum had not died without heirs, but had left a sister and other relations who were still alive. This was a safe ground to take, as such relations would be barred by limitation from suing for the property.

At the trial the defendants produced (behind the purdah) a woman calling herself Velatee Begum, who asserted that she was a full sister of Barati Begum. After careful cross-examination the court was convinced that this woman's evidence had completely broken down and was false. After her failure a number of female witnesses, the attendants of Barati Begum, who had been cited by the defendants to prove that Velatee was Barati's sister were not produced, nor were the wife and mother-in-law of Barati Begum's son who was the defendant. The other witnesses were for the most part such as had not the *entree* of the zenana, and their evidence was entirely disbelieved by the Court.

Efforts had been made to discover who the pretended sister really was; but owing to the difficulty of ascertaining what takes place in zenanas, and to the fact that few people out of the zenana itself ever see or know anything of the women immured in it, no clue could be obtained. It appears likely that she was a person who, as a child, had lived in Benares next door to the father of Barati Begum.

The same difficulty was not experienced in proving who Barati was. Her parents were of very humble origin, and certain Shahzadahs of the Delhi family, in whose house she had been brought up, came forward to testify as to her antecedents. Her father, it was proved, was a peada; her mother a Bhatiarin, or attendant at one of the town serais.

The Court found that Velatee was not Barati's sister, and that the other persons also who claimed to be descended from Shahabuddin, a brother of Barati's father, were not her relations, inasmuch as Shahabuddin, who was well known to our Benares witnesses, was not the brother of Barati's father.

The defendants had an alternative case that, even if they were not heirs as legitimate children, they could claim from Berati Begum as her acknowledged children. This was also given against them.

Witnesses were called by Government, who stated that when Barati Begum died her children divided among themselves 11 lakhs of rupees in cash and other treasures. A receipt for nearly four lakhs of rupees, given by Barati Begum to the Collector, who had removed some eight lakhs from her house when the Raja died, was filed; but as our evidence did not agree with our plaint, in which, following Himmut Bahadoor's claim when suing his sister-in-law, we had put down 5,80,000 rupees as having been divided between the children, the court refused to credit the witnesses or to give Government a decree for any of this money.

A decree for a large sum of mesne profits and all the landed property claimed was awarded.

The fourth case was instituted a short time after the three above mentioned. In it we claimed that Shahebzadi had died without heirs, and that the property, which her husband Ekbal Bahadoor had given her, had escheated. The value of the property was, Rs. 1,69,740, from which Government have had to pay a debt of some Rs. 50,000 incurred by Sahebzadi Begum. There was little opposition in this case and no appeal.

The first three cases were appealed, but as the two children of Barati Begum had been released from our claim for the Belkharrah pergunnah, and as it was likely in appeal that the Government might be successful in respect to the claim for the cash which the defendants had divided in Barati Begum's house, and regarding which there was strong evidence on the record in behalf of Government, uncontradicted and unrebutted by the defendants, they offered to withdraw their appeals if Government would rest content with the decree obtained in the lower court, and give up the mesne profits and pay its own costs.

Jelaludin made the same proposal, and further prayed that as he was ruined by the suits, Government would grant him some compassionate allowance.

These terms were accepted by Government, which granted Jelaluddin a compassionate allowance of Rs. 250 per mensem for life. The result has been that Government has gained landed property valued at about 19 lakhs of rupees.

15. The following is the result of Wards' litigation as compared with the two previous years—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	3,557	4,514	3,409
Do. against ditto ...	225	289	263
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	144	113	132
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	92	94	93

16. Of the 263 cases decided against the Court of Wards 170 rent-suits, 15 bond suits, and 43 civil suits were not reported to this office; the remaining 35 cases are not of much importance.

17. The following is a comparative statement of Wards' litigation in the High Court—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	34	28	26
Do. against ditto ...	6	2	6
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	7	10	5
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	73	93	81

18. The following are details of some of the cases decided against the Court of Wards in the High Court:—

Gunga Prosad *versus* Pundit Rudro Prokash Misser, minor, and Hurdoy Narain.

The facts of this case are as follows: Pundit Sheo Prokash Misser, the father of the minor Rudro Prokash Misser, borrowed from the plaintiff Rs. 14,165, and gave a usufructuary mortgage of mouzahs Singhoul and chuk Farid, to liquidate the amount of the loan. The plaintiff gave a sub-lease of the mouzas to Jhuntee Misser, who was admittedly the benamdar of Pundit Sheo Prokhas, by which the latter undertook to pay Rs. 2,200 as annual rent to the plaintiff. In the meantime Sheo Prokash transferred all his interest in the family property to his minor son, the defendant. Five days after this Hurdoy Narain caused the rights of Pundit Sheo Prokash in mouza Singhoul to be sold in execution of a decree against him, and, purchasing the property himself, took possession of 8 annas of the village. We then offered the plaintiff 8 annas of mouza Singhoul. Subsequently he sued to recover his money, with interest, and to enforce his mortgage lien against the whole of the mortgaged property. We contended that the plaintiff had no cause of action against the minors who did not dispossess him, that his case was premature, that the special terms of the zurpeshgee lease, upon which the present suit was brought, were of a penal nature, and that the plaintiff was only entitled to recover such damages as he had actually sustained.

The High Court, on the authority of the Privy Council's decision in the case of Rajah Oodit Prokash Singh, reported at page 444, *Moore's Indian Appeals*, vol. IV, held the plaintiff to be entitled to recover the whole of the principal amount, with interest and mesne profits from the mortgage property, consisting of 8 annas of mouza Singhoul and 8 annas of chuk Farid, in proportion to the net profits of the estates. The costs of the suit in both the courts are to be paid by respondent, Hurdoy Narain, alone.

Chhukkun Lall Roy *versus* Court of Wards.
Tiloke Chand Baboo *versus* Court of Wards.

These two appeals were preferred against a single judgment of the lower court. Tiloke Chand Baboo brought a suit to recover money due on a bond executed by Baroda Sundari Dabee, the guardian of the minor Kumudini Debya. There were three sets of defendants in this case—

(1)—Baroda Sundari, who contracted the loan as guardian of the minor.

(2)—Chhukkun Lall and another, who went security for the repayment of the money advanced by the plaintiff.

(3)—The Collector of the district, appointed under Act XL of 1858 to administer the estate of the minor.

The lower court decreed the case against Baroda Sundari and the sureties, and ordered the costs of the minor to be paid by Baroda Sundari. Against this judgment both the plaintiff and the sureties appealed to the High Court separately, on the ground that the minor's estate is primarily liable for the money. We contended that the guardian, Baroda Sundari, had no authority to contract a loan, and that there was no necessity for contracting the debt. The court held, from evidence on the record, that there was a necessity for the loan of Rs. 2,000 out of Rs. 4,000 claimed, to save the estate of the minor from being sold, therefore gave the plaintiff a modified decree for Rs. 2,000, to be recovered from the minor's estate in the first instance, failing which, from the sureties. Each party was made liable for its own costs.

Kumar Runjit Singh, minor, and others, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Messrs. Schoene, Kilburn & Co., Agents of Springfield, Son and Nephew and others, defendants, respondents.

The plaintiffs in this suit sought to recover possession of 700 beeghas of land on the ground of reformation on the site of their ancient estate, called Jotebhani, otherwise called Jamalmati. The defendants contended that the land in dispute was an accretion to their estate Kabilpore, that they were in possession of the land since the accretion, and denied plaintiff's possession within twelve years previous to the commencement of the suit.

The court below found that the land claimed was a reformation on the site of our ancient estate, but dismissed the suit on the ground that 500 beegahs of the land had been in the defendants possession for more than 12 years, and as to the other 200 beegahs the court could not decree them, as there was nothing to show which was the land that had been formed within 12 years. In appeal we contended that the court below should at least have given us a decree for the 200 beegahs aforesaid. But the High Court, on the authority of the case reported at page 199, *Moore's Indian Appeals*, vol. VIII, dismissed the suit as barred by limitation.

Mr. Alexander Christian, senior, (plaintiff appellant) *vs.* Raj Durbhungah and others (defendants, respondents).

In this case the plantiff sues to establish his title to 8 annas of an indigo factory which the defendants purchased at an execution sale under a decree against the plaintiff's son. Two day previous to the sale the plaintiff made a claim to the property, but his claim was dismissed, being out of time. He therefere instituted this suit for declaration of his title to the 8 annas of the property sold. Both the courts below passed a decree against him, on the ground that his son acted for him in many respects as his agent, and especially in the conduct of the indigo factory; and that if the son was in fact the agent, the debt of the son would be the debt of the father. But the High Court held that before execution can be taken out against the father's estate, a decree must be made against him personally; and accordingly reversed the finding of the courts below, and declared the plaintiff to be entitled to 8 annas share of the indigo factory claimed.

19. The result of Wards' litigation in the lower Appellate Courts is as follows:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	90	120	72
Do. against ditto ...	66	84	45
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	15	18	11
Percentage in favour of the Court of Wards	58	58	61

20. Of the 45 adverse decisions 33 rent-suits and 11 civil suits, or in other words 44 of the 45 suits were not reported to this office. The remaining case is now pending in special appeal.

21. The result of original cases is as fol lows:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	3,433	4,366	3,311
Do. against ditto ...	203	203	212
Compromised and withdrawn ...	122	85	116
Percentage in favour of the Court of Wards	94	95	94

22. Of the 212 cases decided against the Court of Wards 139 were rent-suits, 13 bond suits, and 40 out of 60 civil suits were not reported to this office.

23. These cases were for the most part unimportant, and the only case in which any heavy pecuniary interests were involved was a suit which was instituted by one ward against another, to determine the validity of a deed of adoption.

24. The following gives the result of Government and Wards' decrees recovered during the year as compared with two previous years :—

		Government decrees.		
		Rs. 1877-78.	Rs. 1878-79.	Rs. 1879-80.
Amount under realization	...	7,52,492	6,63,032	6,74,790
Recovered during the year	...	1,43,905	49,224	30,340
Percentage of recovery	...	19	7½	4½

25. But if the sum due by the Canning Municipal Estate be deducted the figures will run as follow :—

		1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Amount under realization	...	2,32,907	1,13,190	1,11,188
Recovered during the year	...	1,43,905	49,224	14,340
Percentage of recovery	...	61	43½	13

26. The heaviest balances are in the following districts :—

Bhagulpore, Rs. 2,773.—Of this amount Rs. 2,577 are under appeal, Rs. 132 have been disallowed by the Court in execution and have been recommended for remission, and Rs. 64 will be realized after the expiry of the term of the special appeal.

Maunbhoom, Rs. 13,993.—Of this amount Rs. 7,170, due from one Baneemadhub Ojha, have been found to be irrecoverable. Nearly Rs. 2,000 have been realized by the sale of the debtor's property since the close of the year. The remainder consists of debts of recent date and is under process of recovery.

Gya, Rs. 26,806.—Of this amount Rs. 25,389 are the costs obtained by Government in the escheat cases which, under the compromise lately entered into with the defendants, will be remitted.

Beerbhoom, Rs. 7,212.—Of this amount Rs. 5,911 are due from one Ramnauth Sarkar. Some property was attached in execution, but most part of it was, on the application of third parties, released under section 280 of the Civil Procedure Code. A very small share in this property was sold and purchased *khas* by Government for Rs. 75. Enquiry is now being made whether the debtor has any other property.

Hooghly, Rs. 6,668.—Of this amount Rs. 6,000 are due from Baboo Ram Lall Mookerjee and others, and no steps were taken to realize the decree as an appeal has been preferred to Her Majesty's Privy Council.

27. The result, though unsatisfactory, is not as bad as the bare figures would indicate. The Rs. 7,170 outstanding in Maunbhoom are an old debt, which has been recommended for remission and will probably be never realized, and the Rs. 25,387 due in Gya have been given up. These two unusually large sums have abnormally reduced the percentage. As I have pointed out in a separate report there are many difficulties met with in realizing Government decrees, but I trust that if the suggestions I have made will be adopted, that some at least of those difficulties will be removed.

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		Wards' decrees.		
		1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Amount under realization	...	19,85,023	21,89,196	8,54,818
Recovered during the year	...	4,68,704	3,31,184	1,85,539
Percentage of recovery	...	23	15	21½

But by taking the amount decreed and the amount realized during the year as the standard of comparison the figures will be as follows:—

		1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Amount decreed	...	6,00,311	5,61,178	2,59,677
„ recovered	...	4,68,704	3,31,184	1,85,539
Percentage of recovery	...	78	59	73

29. On the face of these figures it would appear as if there had been a greater amount of energy displayed by the Managers under the Court of Wards in 1879-80, than in previous years; but on examination the favourable percentage appears due to the fact that the Durbhunga estates have ceased to be under the jurisdiction of the Court of Wards. In these estates the realizations were small, the outstandings large, and if these sums had been struck out of last year's accounts, the percentage would be much more favourable than the percentage for the year under report.

30. I was in charge of this office from the 1st April to 11th of August 1879, and from 12th November to the close of that year. Mr. J. C. Geddes acted for me during my absence on privilege leave from the 12th of August to 11th of November 1879.

31. There was only one change in the office of the District Government Pleaders during the year. Baboo Suttya Kinker Sen was appointed Government Pleader of Burdwan in the place of Baboo Motilall Chowdhery.

I have the honor to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

J. O'KINEALY,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

D. E. J. & R. M.—Reg. No. 2024J.—175—12-7-80.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favorable.	Unfavorable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	3	.....	.....	1	13,873	.....	.....	2	2,230
Zillah appeals	5	4	398	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200
Original suits	38	10	1,379	2	2,300	.....	.....	26	8,459
Total ...	46	14	1,777	3	16,173	.....	.....	29	10,889

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	825	1	139
Original suits	11	5	294	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	8,720
Total ...	13	5	294	.....	.....	1	825	7	8,859

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	3	1,031	.....	.....	1	2,193	.....	.....
Original suits	6	4	2,621	.....	.....	1	130	1	25
Total ...	10	7	3,652	.....	.....	2	2,323	1	25

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	95
Zillah appeals	4	2	1,045	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4,735
Original suits	11	5	6,530	1	.....	2	322	3	1,100
Total ...	17	8	7,575	1	.....	2	322	6	5,930

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c., &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	2	879	1	135	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	4	3	1,014	1	135	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	1	1	658	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	972	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	3	1,641	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....
Total ...	7	6	3,271	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....

(9) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account or value of property or purchase-money.

High Court	1	1	642	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	6	2	2,033	1	315	.....	.....	3	149
Original suits	40	22	63,495	6	13,483	6	798	6	7,290
Total ...	47	25	66,170	7	13,798	6	798	9	7,439

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond-debts.

High Court	22	6	55,644	2	4,655	.....	.....	14	2,90,841
Zillah appeals	32	11	4,905	8	6,470	2	3,611	11	5,120
Original suits	94	39	9,532	12	15,860	16	3,647	27	1,88,559
Total ...	148	56	70,081	22	26,985	18	7,258	52	4,84,520

(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court	1	1	2,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15
Total ...	2	1	2,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from Official Act.

	Total.	Decisions.			
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Remanded, compromised, or withdrawn.	Pending.
(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.					
	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	3	1	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	4,080
Original suits	6	3	4,129	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,635
Total ...	9	4	4,176	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	8,715
(3) Suits for reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable or on other pleas.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	314
Original suits	8	4	299	1	76	.....	.....	3	312
Total ...	10	4	299	1	76	.....	.....	5	626
(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.									
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	500
Zillah appeals	4	3	368	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,984
Original suits	5	2	2,029	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,955
Total ...	10	5	2,397	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	7,439

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	130
Zillah appeals	268	.....	.....	268	5,673	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	14	1	1,935	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	1,01,864
Total ...	283	1	1,935	268	5,673	.....	.....	14	1,01,994

(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	251
Original suits	1	1	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	3	1	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	251

(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for nonfulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	38	38	7,323	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	38	38	7,323	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt.

High Court	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	27,88,757
Zillah appeals	2	2	567	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	30	15	40,42,214	2	1,167	2	3,793	11	92,364
Total ...	38	17	40,42,781	2	1,167	2	3,793	17	28,81,121

(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	691	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	691	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	4	4	2,735	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	184	179	18,097	.....	.....	3	48,923	2	719
Total ...	188	183	20,832	.....	.....	3	48,923	2	719

(9) Suits to set aside sale.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,125
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,125

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1879-80.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.					In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Number pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number instituted from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.	Total.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1880.	Number of cases in which the Government was cast twice.
High Court ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	*25	17	42	2 / 12	2 / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	17	25	2
Burdwan	3	10	13	... / 4	... / 2	... / 2	... / ...	8	5	1	4	5	2 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	3	...
Bankoora	1	9	10	... / 5	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	5	5	2	...	2	..... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	2	...	...
Beerbhoom ...	...		4	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	3	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	5	22	27	2 / 6	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	8	19	†10	6	16	1 / 8	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	9	7	...
Hooghly	2	7	9	... / 4	1 / 2	... / ...	... / 1	8	1	4	2	6	..... / 4	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	4	2	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	2	9	11	2 / 4	... / 1	... / 1	... / ...	8	3	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	1	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	4	...	4	..... / 3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	3	1	...
Jessore	3	1	4	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / 1	3	1	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	2	3	5	... / 1	1 / 1	... / ...	2 / ...	5	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	1	1	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	...
Rajshahye	1	2	3	... / 2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	1	1	.....	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	...
Rungpore	1	1	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / 1	2	...	...	...	.....	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	2	2	... / ...	... / ...	... / 2	... / ...	2	...	...	...	.....	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	...	7	7	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	6	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling	...	2	2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	2	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	1	13	14	... / 9	... / ...	... / 2	... / ...	11	3	2	1	3	1 / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	...	2	1	...
Furreedpore ...	2	2	4	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	2	3	3	5	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / 1	...	1	4	...
Backergunge ...	9	...	9	... / 8	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	9	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	1	3	4	... / 1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	2	2	...	4	4	..... / ...	4 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	4	...	4
Tipperah	‡7	6	13	... / 7	... / 1	... / ...	1 / ...	9	4	‡1	...	1	..... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	...
Chittagong	7	30	37	1 / 21	... / ...	... / 1	... / 2	25	12	1	2	3	1 / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	3	...	...
Noakholly	6	27	33	5 / ...	... / 5	... / 3	... / ...	13	20	1	3	4	..... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	3	...
Patna	51	72	123	117 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	§2 / ...	119	4	...	...	...	..... / ..	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Gya	4	27	31	4 / 12	... / 5	... / 5	... / ...	26	5	...	1	1	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	1	...
Shahabad	1	1	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Mozufferpore ...	1	‖65	66	62 / 1	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	65	1	230	42	272	..... / 1	10 / 238	... / ...	... / ...	1	270	2	...
Durbhanga ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	1	2	3	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	2	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Chumparun ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	..	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ..	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore ...	2	1	3	1 / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	2	1	2	2	4	1 / 3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	4	...	...
Purneah	...	1	1	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	... .. / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	1	1	2	... / ...	... / ..	... / ...	... / ...	...	2	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	... / ..	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	. . / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	...	1	1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	...	1	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	1	...	1	..... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	...
Singbhoom ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	..... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...
Manbhoom ...	40	7	47	38 / 3	... / 1	... / 1	... / 2	45	2	3	1	4	..... / ...	... / 3	... / ...	... / ...	...	3	1	...
Total ...	156	341	497	234 / 100	2 / 24	... / 19	5 / 7	391	106	291	88	379	9 / 36	16 / 264	... / ...	... / 1	...	329	50	6

* The discrepancy is owing to one ward's case having been inadvertently shown as pending among Government cases.
† The discrepancy is owing to one case which was decided during the year having been inadvertently shown as pending.
‡ The difference is owing to one original case having been inadvertently shown among appeal cases.
§ Struck off.
‖ Compensation cases.

E.

Statement showing the Amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the Sums actually realized by Government under Decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	213	.....	.....	213	.....	291	3	13	307
	Bankoora	1,286	.....	74	1,360	.....	199	155	167	521
	Beerbhoom	190	.....	.....	190	.....	.....	.....	126	126
	Midnapore	596	.....	.....	596	200	507	1,058	28	1,793
	Hooghly	165	.....	.....	165	110	249	167	.....	526
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	16,120	.....	.....	16,120	.....	.....	1,053	713	1,766
	Nuddea	138	.....	33	171	.....	.....	15	48	63
	Jessore	168	.....	.....	168	18	.....	269	.....	287
	Moorshedabad	40	.....	.....	40	64	205	1,350	64	1,683
	Soonderbuns	35	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	14	14
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Dinagepore	140	.....	.....	140	.....	19	.....	.....	19
	Rajshahye	5	.....	.....	5	.....	16	608	.....	624
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	3
	Pubna	154	.....	.....	154	763	774	75	342	1,954
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	101	.....	.....	101	.....	.....	237	62	299
	Furreedpore	554	.....	.....	554	.....	.....	1,204	264	1,468
	Backergunge	119	.....	.....	119	.....	11	1,838	81	1,930
	Mymensingh	51	.....	.....	51	.....	385	25	19	429
	Tipperah	159	.....	.....	159	.....	.....	31	93	124
Chittagong	Chittagong	46	.....	.....	46	.....	69	238	21	328
	Noakholly	801	.....	.....	801	240	137	102	.....	479
Patna	Patna	95	.....	.....	95	4,316	1,325	.....	.....	5,641
	Gya	35	.....	.....	35	.....	402	52	58	512
	Shahabad	444	.....	.....	444	.....	.....	39	.....	39
	Mozufferpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	5	53
	Durbhunga	53	.....	.....	53	.....	1,239	.....	24	1,263
	Sarun	16	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	3	3
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Monghyr	415	.....	.....	415	.....	.....	.....	134	134
	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	987	1,007
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	350	46	1	397
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree	20	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	1	.....	1
	Balasore	818	.....	.....	818	.....	122	.....	6	128
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	375	.....	.....	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	186	.....	8	.....	194
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	6,879	.....	.....	6,879	43	1,304	109	.....	1,456
	Total	30,231	.....	107	30,338	5,940	7,624	8,734	3,273	25,571

F.

Statement showing the Amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the Sums actually realized by Government under Decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1879.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	15	.....	.....	504	15	14	519	15	14
	Bankoora	5,327	2,884	77	1,362	235	73	6,689	3,119	150
	Beerbhoom	6,698	269	33	.....	400	15	6,698	669	48
	Midnapore	1,494	553	172	690	120	20	2,184	673	192
	Hooghly	6,560	.....	7	234	5	36	6,794	5	43
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	4,50,741	99,141	.....	164	13,760	68	4,50,905	1,12,901	68
	Nuddea	283	7	5	.....	5	101	283	12	106
	Jessore	.....	.....	(a) 73	.....	.....	129	.....	.....	202
	Moorshedabad	(b) 25	.....	1	40	.....	1,050	524	.....	1,051
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	20	25	2	20
Rajshahye	Rajshahye	988	65	5	.....	68	16	988	133	21
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dinagepore	112	.....	18	.....	4	6	112	4	24
	Pubna	.....	32	170	.....	82	1,872	.....	114	2,042
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeilng	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	1,034	663	101	.....	15	98	1,034	678	199
	Mymensing	43	1	5	.....	.....	2	43	1	7
	Tipperah	.....	.....	.....	150	9	.....	150	9	.....
	Backergnnge	11	1	3	114	4	4	125	5	7
	Furreedpore	45	2	8	688	21	75	733	23	83
Patna	Patna	77	33	234	.....	12	62	77	45	296
	Mozufferpore	5,472	1,805	90	.....	.....	.....	5,472	1,805	90
	Gya	606	13	338	23,860	1,213	811	24,466	1,226	1,149
	Durbhunga	27	1	11	310	.....	38	337	1	49
	Shahabad	8,639	.....	73	24	6	31	8,663	6	104
	Sarun	321	29	11	3	20	.....	324	49	11
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	1,058	70	6	1,639	.....	.....	2,697	70	6
	Monghyr	.....	13	343	.....	.....	59	.....	13	402
	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore.	Lohardugga	.....	.....	117	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117
	Manbhoom	8,049	907	183	10,707	837	301	18,756	1,744	484
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	1,222	289	263	.....	56	54	1,222	345	317
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	664	39	115	664	39	115
	Pooree	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	20
Chittagong	Chittagong	114	.....	1	16	1	21	130	1	22
	Noakholly	.....	.....	2,563	74	.....	371	74	.....	2,934
	Total	4,99,445	1,06,778	4,929	41,243	16,929	5,464	5,40,688	1,23,707	10,393

(a)—The discrepancy is owing to a mistake
(b)—The difference is owing to a case being

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

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in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1*st April* 1880.

Realized during 1879-80.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
184	15	14	335	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	320	.....	.....
1,275	65	20	5,414	3,054	130	2,604	2,672	32	2,810	382	98
190	.....	.....	6,508	669	48	7	.....	7	6,501	669	41
563	7	26	1,621	666	166	.....	.....	.....	1,621	666	166
142	2	21	6,652	3	22	9	.....	.....	6,643	3	22
69	16,033	18	4,50,836	96,868	50	.....	.....	.....	4,50,836	96,868	50
138	11	22	145	1	84	.....	.....	.....	145	1	84
.....	.....	168	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
40	.....	.....	484	.....	1,051	.....	.....	.....	484	.....	1,051
20	2	13	5	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	7
.....	.....	5	988	133	16	.....	.....	.....	988	133	16
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
112	4	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	154	.....	114	1,888	.....	.....	.....	.....	114	1,888
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
94	4	3	940	674	196	425	629	115	515	45	81
43	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
150	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
107	5	7	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....
503	15	36	230	8	47	.....	.....	.....	230	8	47
54	31	10	23	14	286	.....	.....	.....	23	14	286
.....	.....	.....	5,472	1,805	90	5,336	1,805	90	136	.....	.....
28	7	.....	24,438	1,219	1,149	.....	.....	.....	24,438	1,219	1,149
27	1	25	310	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	310	.....	24
407	6	31	8,256	.....	73	7,096	.....	13	1,160	.....	60
16	.....	.....	308	49	11	.....	.....	.....	308	49	11
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	2,697	70	6	.....	.....	.....	2,697	70	6
.....	13	402	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117	.....	.....	117	.....	.....	.....
5,820	947	112	12,936	797	372	100	3	9	12,836	794	363
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
288	44	43	934	301	274	.....	.....	.....	934	301	274
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
664	39	115	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
40	1	5	90	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	17
39	.....	762	35	.....	2,172	.....	.....	6	35	.....	2,166
11,013	17,262	2,063	5,29,675	1,06,445	8,330	15,592	5,109	389	5,14,083	1,01,336	7,941

in the Collector's return for the last year.
transferred from Moorshedabad to Beerbhoom.

in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1*st April* 1880.

I.

General Abstract of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1879-80.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.	Withdrawn.				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1879.	Number of suits instituted from the 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1880.	Number pending on 31st March 1879.	Number instituted from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1880.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	*h*42	33	75	5	21	1	5	3	...	...	2	...	...	37	38	1
Burdwan	3	106	109	73	5	3	3	12	...	5	2	103	6	*m*	5	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	*f*16	116	132	110	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	117	15	5	8	13	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	8	1
Hooghly	*o*1	134	135	113	2	13	...	...	...	3	...	131	4	*l*5	6	11	1	2	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	8	3	2
24-Pergunnahs ...	*n*4	369	373	354	4	4	1	1	1	2	1	368	5	*n*2	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Nuddea	3	94	97	87	2	1	2	1	...	1	...	94	3	5	1	6	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	1
Jessore	*p*67	556	623	577	4	12	7	3	1	1	...	605	18	*p*	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	4	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	*k*8	38	46	34	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	37	9	*k*	10	10	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	3	1
Dinagepore	2	18	20	8	3	2	3	...	...	...	...	16	4	1	1	2	...	2	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Rajshahye	1	21	22	15	2	...	...	4	...	...	...	21	1	...	4	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	1
Rungpore	3	170	173	162	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	164	9	7	...	7	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	7
Pubna	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	4	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1
Bogra	4	3	7	5	...	1	1	..	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	*d*176	426	602	571	...	1	...	...	...	*e*25	...	597	5	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Dacca	2	4	6	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	1	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Furreedpore ...	1	31	32	23	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	29	3	5	2	7	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	2
Backergunge. ...	3	348	351	307	1	12	2	...	...	22	...	344	7	7	...	7	1	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	2
Mymensingh ...	8	96	104	75	3	3	14	...	1	1	...	97	7	2	4	6	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	1
Tipperah	2	20	22	11	1	2	8	...	...	...	...	22	...	2	7	9	1	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	2	1
Chittagong	3	82	85	66	2	4	4	...	2	...	1	79	6	...	4	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...
Noakholly	*j*17	122	139	124	1	11	2	...	...	...	...	138	1	*j*	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	*b*	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Sarun	*a*22	21	43	12	3	2	9	...	1	1	...	28	15	4	4	8	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	5	3	1
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	3	56	59	24	26	...	...	1	1	...	...	52	7	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	4	...
Mozufferpore ...	54	232	286	212	2	31	19	6	3	...	...	273	13	16	27	43	2	6	3	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	14	29	3
Monghyr	3	63	66	61	...	1	...	2	2	...	...	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	*g*2	14	16	2	2	7	1	...	...	...	...	12	4	...	30	30	10	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	9	10
Maldah	5	36	41	31	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	1	9	10	6	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	...	66	66	44	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	47	19	...	5	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...
Manbhoom	15	13	28	24	1	..	...	...	...	2	...	27	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	7	109	116	98	...	5	1	...	...	2	...	106	10	1	16	17	...	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	12	...
Total ...	437	3,376	3,813	3,233	78	128	84	30	15	67	4	3,639	174	105	187	292	33	65	35	16	4	1	4	3	2	2	165	127	...

a—The difference of one case is owing to an estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
b—There was one case shown as pending at the close of the last year; it was apparently a mistake, as the case was decided before the close of the year.
c—The discrepancy is owing to the Paikpara Manager not having sent in his annual statement for the year under review.
d—The difference of one case is owing to an error in the pleader's return for the last year.
e—Struck off, defendants having died or fled from their houses.
f—The discrepancy of one case is owing to a mistake in last year's return.
g—The discrepancy is owing to an appeal case having been inadvertently shown as pending among the original cases.
h—The difference of eight cases is in consequence of six cases being entered in which no appearance was made, having been excluded from the statement, and two erroneously entered as pending in the last year's statement.
j—The discrepancy is owing to an estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
k—The discrepancy is owing to an estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
l—The discrepancy is owing to four appeal cases of the Hooghly district having been inadvertently shown in last year's statement at Burdwan, which is now corrected.
m—The four cases shown as pending at the close of last year belong to the Hooghly district, but were inadvertently shown at Burdwan, which has now been corrected.
n—The discrepancy is owing to one appeal case having been shown as pending among the original cases last year.
p—The discrepancy is owing to two estates having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards during the year.

J.

Statement showing the Amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the Sums actually realized by Court of Wards under Decrees of Court, from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Khandari estate	1,194	.....	.....	1,194	.....	788	.....	.....	276	1,064
	Chukdighee „	15,717	.....	.....	15,717	38	2,236	3,032	.....	15,743	21,049
	Total	16,911	.....	.....	16,911	38	3,024	3,032	.....	16,019	22,113
Midnapore	Jamirapal estate Nischinta „ Beluria „ Moisadul Jambuni	10,418	.....	.....	10,418	.....	2,230	5	.....	882	3,117
	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jessore	Bogchur estate	2,996	.....	.....	2,996	.....	94	10	.....	537	641
	Narail	8,994	.....	.....	8,994	5,403	2,427	201	.....	141	8,172
	Ramnagur	21,660	.....	.....	21,660	.....	5,050	.....	.....	176	5,226
	Total	33,650	.....	.....	33,650	5,403	7,571	211	.....	854	14,039
Moorshedabad.	Punchthoopee	708	.....	.....	708	.....	74	13	.....	.....	87
	Nushipore (mál)	4,965	.....	.....	4,965	.....	834	3	.....	.....	837
	Ditto (debutter)	848	.....	.....	848	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	5
	Neballia	397	.....	.....	397	.....	202	.....	.....	.....	202
	K. D. Banerjea	190	.....	.....	190	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	43
	Byashpore	295	.....	.....	295	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	6
	Choan estate	25	.....	.....	25	.....	56	.....	.....	.....	56
	Kasim Bazar estate	36	.....	.....	36	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	6
	Total	7,464	.....	.....	7,464	.....	1,226	16	.....	.....	1,242
Nuddea	Nuddea	3,707	.....	.....	3,707	.....	748	308	.....	680	1,736
24-Pergunnahs.	Halishahur Paikpara Goburdanga Satkhira Baranagur Bhobanipur	Not received.									
	Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dinagepore	Joydebpur	.....	.....	.....	.....	115	332	5	.....	2	454
	Chooramun estate	97	.....	.....	97	177	2,789	271	.....	.....	3,237
	Gunga Prosad's „	196	.....	.....	196	.....	.....	72	.....	17	89
	Hazrutpore „	2	.....	.....	2	3	92	.....	.....	.....	95
	Kolanderpore „	81	.....	.....	81	.....	247	45	.....	61	353
	Sunkerpore „	918	.....	97	1,015	.....	376	126	.....	.....	502
	Sombulpore	88	.....	.....	88	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	18
	Total	1,382	.....	97	1,479	295	3,854	519	.....	80	4,748
Rungpore	Panga estate	5,914	.....	.....	5,914	.....	1,363	285	.....	.....	1,648
	Kamerpooker	831	.....	.....	831	.....	379	.....	.....	.....	379
	Total	6,745	.....	.....	6,745	.....	1,742	285	.....	.....	2,027
Bogra	Hurrokishore Gooho	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	Chowgong	1,053	.....	.....	1,053	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	85
	Gobindopre	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	47	.....	.....	86
	Nowapara	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
	Surkuteah	3,740	.....	.....	3,740	46	1,645	65	.....	.....	1,756
	Pooteah	1,468	.....	.....	1,468	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	71
	Taherpore	1,545	.....	.....	1,545	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	7,806	.....	.....	7,806	46	1,757	197	.....	.....	2,000
Julpigoree	Cooch Behar	27,606	.....	.....	27,606	.....	7,563	.....	.....	.....	7,563
Dacca	Wards' Estates	341	.....	.....	341	.....	39	133	.....	13	185
Mymensingh.	Hurro Gobindo Lusker	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Shama Sundary Chowdhrain.	6,018	.....	.....	6,018	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,148	1,148
	Jugut Kishore Acharjya	6,376	.....	.....	6,376	.....	1,296	3,019	.....	4,437	8,752
	Total	12,406	.....	.....	12,406	.....	1,296	3,019	.....	5,585	9,900

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District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Tipperah	Basarut Ally Chowdhery	993	.....	.....	993	.....	904	640	.....	271	1,815
	Mahomed Wazed	78	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	1,071	.....	.....	1,071	.....	904	640	.....	271	1,815
Backergunge	Nocoori Lall Chuckerbutty.	2,172	.....	.....	2,172	.....	267	.....	.....	.....	267
	Futtey Jungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
	Nobo Durga Debya	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	20
	Jugut Narain Roy	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bepin Behary Das	740	.....	.....	740	.....	58	6	.....	.....	64
	Horo Coomar Das	38	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	90
	Total	2,950	.....	.....	2,950	.....	328	116	.....	.....	444
Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhery	835	.....	.....	835	.....	31	.....	.....	340	371
	Ameerunessa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4
	Romesh Chunder Chowdhery.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	26	.....	89	133
	Magun Das Roy	743	.....	.....	743	.....	281	850	.....	209	1,340
	Nyantara's estate	2,047	.....	.....	2,047	.....	313	207	.....	651	1,171
	Raj Kissen Banerjee	6,247	.....	.....	6,247	.....	71	34	.....	403	508
	Fuzlahmed	767	.....	.....	767	.....	219	3	.....	92	314
	Total	10,639	.....	.....	10,639	.....	933	1,120	.....	1,788	3,841
Noakholly	Anongo Mohun Mozoomdar.	421	.....	.....	421	.....	392	.....	.....	115	507
	Courjon estate	9,458	.....	.....	9,458	.....	1,146	494	.....	1,394	3,034
	Total	9,879	.....	.....	9,879	.....	1,538	494	.....	1,509	3,541
Durbhunga	Alinagur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nurhun "	2,022	.....	.....	2,022	.....	5,221	264	.....	1,387	6,872
Sarun	Wards' estates	1,688	559	.....	2,247	.....	705	40	.....	78	823
Shahabad	Desputty Singh	1,051	.....	.....	1,051	.....	730	3,115	.....	377	4,222
	Rughonundun Persad	2,455	.....	.....	2,455	.....	1,003	102	.....	320	1,425
	Chuker Sarun Narain Singh.	563	.....	.....	563	.....	94	70	.....	403	567
	Total	4,069	.....	.....	4,069	.....	1,827	3,287	.....	1,100	6,214
Patna	Wards' estates	106	.....	.....	106	.....	29	.....	.....	82	111
Monghyr	Phulberiah	Not received.									
	Chantham estate										
Purneah	Soorjapore	1,928	.....	.....	1,928	.....	270	468	.....	67	805
Maldah	Wards' estates	1,926	.....	.....	1,926	.....	382	.....	.....	34	416
Pooree	Wards' estates	141	.....	.....	141	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	7
Cuttack	Kanika	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,500*	.....	.....	.....	.....	40,500
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar	991	.....	3,160	4,151	.....	284	5	.....	2,999	3,288
	Jiridah	566	.....	91	657	.....	90	.....	.....	231	321
	Gawan	174	.....	370	544	.....	118	.....	.....	88	206
	Total	1,731	.....	3,621	5,352	.....	492	5	.....	3,318	3,815
Manbhoom	Nosghur	107	.....	.....	107	.....	107	.....	.....	.....	107
	Supur	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	78	.....	12	120
	Katras	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	556	.....	.....	.....	556
	Total	107	.....	.....	107	.....	693	78	.....	12	783
Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore	11,100	.....	.....	11,100	.....	3,832	78	.....	3,438	7,348
	Deogan	1,219	.....	.....	1,219	.....	323	.....	.....	100	423
	Total	12,319	.....	.....	12,319	.....	4,155	78	.....	3,538	7,771
Singbhoom	Wards' estates	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5
	Grand Total	1,79,017	559	3,718	1,83,294	46,282	48,534	14,320	.....	37,297	1,46,433

* This sum was paid into court in satisfaction of an old decree against the estate.

STATEMENT K.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the Amounts Decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1879.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Burdwan	Khandari Estate	3,929	2,231	573	690	538	606	4,619	2,769	1,179
		Chuckdighee „	15,181	4,255	2,589	18,070	3,570	1,934	33,251	7,825	4,523
		Total	19,110	6,486	3,162	18,760	4,108	2,540	37,870	10,594	5,702
	Midnapore	Jamirapal Estate	.....	.....	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	165
		Tarkua „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nischinta „	13,515	1,132	499	12,965	601	225	26,480	1,733	724
		Jhargram „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jambuni „	49	6	39	.....	.....	.....	49	6	39
		Beluria „	370	54	338	278	12	14	648	66	352
		Moisadul „	47,884	11,075	3,083	5,896	4,485	1,585	53,780	15,560	5,668
		Total	61,818	12,267	4,124	19,139	5,098	1,824	80,957	17,365	5,948
	Hooghly	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Presidency.	Jessore	Bagchar	1,537	841	250	4,679	192	561	6,216	1,033	811
		Narail	55,019	9,059	6,715	14,598	1,238	2,768	69,617	10,297	9,483
		Ramnuggur	15,230	8,304	3,726	13,874	2,933	5,083	29,104	11,327	8,809
		Total	71,786	18,204	10,691	33,151	4,363	8,412	1,04,937	22,657	19,103
	Moorshedabad	Panchtopee	2,223	270	570	.....	.....	.....	2,223	270	570
		Nushipore (mal)	2,448	2,277	664	3,200	1,088	660	5,648	3,365	1,324
		Ditto (debutter)	559	204	85	.....	.....	.....	559	204	85
		Nehalia	20,883	6,414	700	341	46	110	21,224	6,460	810
		Byashpore	580	77	155	148	62	18	728	139	173
		K. D. Banerjee's Estate.	526	165	120	.....	.....	.....	526	165	120
		Choan Estate	20	5	29	579	3	58	599	8	87
		Kasimbazar	22	8	10	.....	.....	.....	22	8	10
		Total	27,261	9,420	2,333	4,268	1,199	846	31,529	10,619	3,179
	Nuddea	Nuddea Estate	7,635	1,044	1,430	4,105	652	322	11,740	1,696	1,752
	24-Pergunnahs	Halishahur	Not received.			Not received.			Not received.		
		Paikpara									
		Goburdanga									
		Satkhira									
		Baranagur									
		Bhowanipore									
		Total									
Rajshahye.	Dinnagepore	Chooramun Estate	391	14	.....	417	23	75	808	37	75
		Gunga Prosad's Estate	466	24	10	56	11	18	522	35	28
		Huzrutpore	10	2	1	1	2	1	11	4	2
		Kalanderpore	620	249	30	331	4	128	951	253	158
		Sankerpore	1,388	479	783	500	738	503	1,888	1,217	1,286
		Joydebpore	.....	.....	.....	85	3	.....	85	3	.....
		Sambulpore	.....	.....	.....	88	.....	.....	88	.....	.....
		Total	2,875	768	824	1,478	781	725	4,353	1,549	1,549
	Rungpore	Panga Estate	6,322	100	487	4,579	140	206	10,901	240	693
		Kamerpooker	591	51	5	1,606	27	22	2,197	78	27
		Total	6,913	151	492	6,185	167	228	13,098	318	720
	Rajshahye	Chowgong	1,603	.....	407	.....	148	300	1,603	148	707
		Gobindpore	36	10	14	.....	3	.....	36	13	14
		Nopara	72	14	11	.....	5	2	72	19	13
		Surkuteah	10,350	96	681	916	92	427	11,266	188	1,108
		Pooteah	3,674	217	499	422	.....	3	4,096	217	502
		Tahirpore	19,079	2,495	509	1,812	72	14	20,891	2,567	523
		Total	34,814	2,832	2,121	3,150	320	746	37,964	3,152	2,867
	Julpigoree	Cooch Behar	8,788	3,352	5,377	26,470	8,266	11,166	35,258	11,618	61,453

Wards in the Revenue Department was Realized and what was Outstanding on the 1st April 1880.

Realized during 1879-80.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
755	191	248	3,864	2,578	931	57	15	29	3,807	2,563	902
13,668	1,123	926	19,583	6,702	3,557	.....	111	.....	19,583	6,591	3,597
14,423	1,314	1,174	23,447	9,280	4,528	57	126	29	24,390	9,154	4,499
.....	.....	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,876	168	265	23,004	1,565	459	77	216	.....	23,527	1,319	459
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	.....	.....	32	6	30	.....	.....	.....	32	6	30
278	12	14	370	54	338	.....	.....	.....	370	54	338
4,765	826	1,032	49,015	14,734	3,636	.....	7	.....	49,015	14,727	3,636
7,036	1,006	1,476	73,021	16,359	4,472	77	253	.....	73,944	16,106	4,472
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,590	59	347	3,626	974	464	.....	.....	.....	3,626	974	464
5,707	1,739	1,548	63,910	8,558	7,035	80	1	2	63,830	8,557	7,033
13,900	2,864	4,896	15,204	3,403	3,913	4,233	3,368	1,000	10,971	5,095	2,913
22,197	4,662	6,791	82,740	17,995	12,312	4,313	3,369	1,002	78,427	14,626	11,310
403	82	223	1,820	188	347	.....	.....	.....	1,820	188	347
2,693	1,181	1,091	2,955	2,184	233	300	189	84	2,655	1,995	149
559	204	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
271	75	51	20,953	6,385	759	.....	.....	.....	20,953	6,385	759
198	27	70	530	112	103	.....	.....	.....	530	112	103
136	16	38	390	149	82	.....	.....	.....	390	149	82
17	3	5	582	5	82	.....	.....	.....	582	5	82
20	7	9	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	2	1	1
4,297	1,595	1,572	27,232	9,024	1,607	300	189	84	26,932	8,835	1,523
2,707	477	521	9,033	1,219	1,231	599	268	297	8,434	951	934
Not received.			Not received.			Not received.			Not received.		
76	6	15	732	31	60	.....	.....	.....	732	31	60
195	1	.....	327	34	28	.....	.....	.....	327	34	28
2	.....	.....	9	4	2	.....	.....	.....	9	4	2
81	.....	.....	870	253	158	.....	.....	.....	870	253	158
847	10	158	1,041	1,207	1,128	.....	.....	.....	1,041	1,207	1,128
.....	.....	.....	85	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	3	.....
88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,289	17	173	3,064	1,532	1,376	.....	.....	.....	3,064	1,532	1,376
5,394	203	317	5,507	37	376	7	.....	.....	5,500	37	376
799	27	5	1,398	51	22	.....	.....	.....	1,398	51	22
6,193	230	322	6,905	88	398	7	.....	.....	6,898	88	398
732	61	260	871	87	447	.....	.....	.....	871	87	447
.....	.....	.....	36	13	14	.....	.....	.....	36	13	14
.....	.....	.....	72	19	13	.....	.....	.....	72	19	13
3,370	66	304	7,896	122	804	.....	.....	.....	7,896	122	804
1,255	76	137	2,841	141	365	207	84	91	2,634	57	274
1,464	34	47	19,427	2,533	476	751	212	138	18,676	2,321	338
6,821	237	748	31,143	2,915	2,119	958	296	229	30,185	2,619	1,890
17,060	4,280	6,266	18,198	7,338	10,277	537	226	513	17,661	7,112	9,764

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1879.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dacca.	Dacca	Wards' Estates ...	4,428	284	41	... ..	22	.....	4,428	306	41
	Mymensingh	Huro Gobind Lushkur	2	.....	3	.....	1	6	2	1	9
		Shama Sundry Chowdhrim.	1,997	502	340	3,247	941	1,148	5,244	1,443	1,488
		Jugut Kishore Acharji	5,318	2,658	6,459	4,499	1,368	3,775	9,817	4,026	10,234
		Total ...	7,317	3,160	6,802	7,746	2,310	4,929	15,063	5,470	11,731
	Tipperah ...	Basarut Ali Chowdhry.	8,663	6,291	1,232	1,096	1,276	347	9,759	7,567	1,579
		Mahomed Wazed ...	308	243	.....	.....	19	.....	308	262	.....
		Total ...	8,971	6,534	1,232	1,096	1,295	347	10,067	7,829	1,579
	Backergunge...	Nokori Lal Chuckerbutty.	1,347	548	379	74	113	32	1,421	661	411
		Futtey Jungpore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nobo Doorga Debya ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jugut Narain Roy ..	.....	30	147	.....	7	.....	.....	37	147
		Bepin Behari Das ...	1,016	126	144	21	49	52	1,037	175	196
		Hurro Coomar Das ...	.....	.....	38	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	38
		Total ...	2,363	704	708	95	169	84	2,458	873	792
Chittagong.	Chittagong ...	Hedait Ali Chowdhry	1,112	37	67	196	2	69	1,308	39	136
		Amirunnissa	60	6	10	. ....	... ..	2	60	6	12
		Romesh Chunder Chowdhry.	446	557	1	75	35	89	521	592	90
		Magundas Roy ...	664	31	49	1,459	265	233	2,123	296	282
		Nyantaras Estate ...	6,841	1,685	1,509	1,475	317	669	8,316	2,002	2,178
		Raj Kishen Banerjee	5,317	69	111	1,035	397	255	6,352	457	366
		Fuzzul Ahmed ...	3,065	400	306	1,088	.....	161	4,153	400	467
		Total ...	17,505	2,776	2,053	5,328	1,016	1,478	22,833	3,792	3,531
	Noakholly ...	Anonga Mohun Mozumdar.	494	77	450	532	134	179	1,026	211	629
		Courjon	5,128	1,938	2,319	4,469	1,160	2,086	9,597	3,098	4,405
		Total ...	5,622	2,015	2,769	5,001	1,294	2,265	10,623	3,309	5,034
Patna.	Durbhunga ...	Allinagur Estate ...	1,873	415	308	.....	.....	.....	1,873	415	308
		Nurham	65,721	21,733	4,550	6,024	1,034	926	71,745	22,767	5,476
		Total ...	67,594	22,148	4,858	6,024	1,034	926	73,618	23,182	5,784
	Sarun	Ward's Estate... ...	129	410	6,963	195	15	291	324	425	7,254
	Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh ...	12,575	2,405	440	1,979	166	398	14,554	2,571	838
		Raghonundun Prosad	3,297	622	751	788	201	594	4,085	823	1,345
		Chuckersarun Narain Singh	3,679	182	297	511	187	353	4,190	369	650
		Total ...	19,680	3,619	8,451	3,473	569	1,636	23,153	4,188	10,087
	Patna	Ward's Estate ...	4,338	7	106	147	10	24	4,485	17	130
Bhagulpore.	Bhagulpore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr ...	Phulheriah Estate ...	Not received.			Not received.			Not received.		
		Chanthan Estate ...									
		Total ...	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Purneah ...	Soorjapore	694	1,352	677	1,013	1,585	478	1,707	2,937	1,155
	Malda	Wards' Estates ...	738	733	220	879	493	416	1,617	1,226	636
Orissa.	Cuttack... ...	Kanika	.....	.....	.....	.....	. ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree	Wards' Estates ...	.....	.....	.....	133	1	7	133	1	7
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Noaghur	1,147	161	88	.....	65	33	1,147	226	121
		Supur	132	6	2	.....	.....	.. ...	132	6	2
		Katras	1,117	20	1	.....	67	3	1,117	87	4
		Total ...	2,396	187	91	.....	132	36	2,396	319	127
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore ...	18,017	4,596	2,341	13,115	2,963	9,083	31,132	7,559	11,424
		Pungri	.....	.....	.....	2,400	1,777	904	2,400	1,777	904
		Deogan	445	564	459	1,183	91	291	1,628	655	750
		Total ...	18,462	5,160	2,800	16,698	4,831	10,278	35,160	9,991	13,078
	Singbhoom ..	Wards' Estates ...	.....	.....	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar	10,513	2,330	3,809	2,564	1,171	780	13,017	3,501	4,589
		Jeridah	361	13	281	218	53	153	579	66	414
		Gowan	2,732	1,040	721	69	260	221	2,801	1,300	942
		Total ...	13,606	3,383	4,811	2,791	1,484	1,154	16,397	4,867	5,945
		Grand Total ...	4,14,843	1,07,086	73,212	1,67,325	41,214	51,138	5,82,168	1,48,300	1,24,350

concluded.

Realized during 1879-80.			Balance.			Remitted by competent Authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
331	10	.....	4,097	296	41	.....	.....	.....	4,097	296	41
2	1	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3,860	1,140	1,018	1,384	303	470	.....	.....	.....	1,384	303	470
3,241	1,254	1,881	6,576	2,772	8,353	.....	.....	.....	6,576	2,772	8,353
7,103	2,395	2,908	7,960	3,075	8,823	.....	.....	.....	7,960	3,075	8,823
759	164	70	9,000	7,403	1,509	731	656	167	8,269	6,747	1,342
49	29	.....	259	233	.....	30	2	.....	229	231	.....
808	193	70	9,259	7,636	1,509	761	658	167	8,498	6,978	1,342
1,277	541	354	144	120	57	60	.....	21	84	120	36
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	37	147	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	147
612	32	96	425	143	100	.....	.....	.....	425	143	100
.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,889	573	488	569	300	304	60	.....	21	509	300	283
726	16	93	582	23	43	16	3	4	566	20	39
.....	.....	.....	60	6	12	60	6	12	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	521	592	90	.....	.....	.....	521	592	90
496	135	112	1,627	161	170	.....	.....	.....	1,627	161	170
1,490	138	419	6,826	1,864	1,759	1,154	964	355	5,672	900	1,404
5,530	423	289	822	29	77	.....	.....	.....	822	29	77
700	21	46	3,453	379	421	.....	.....	.....	3,453	379	421
8,942	738	959	13,891	3,054	2,572	1,230	973	371	12,661	2,081	2,201
150	44	227	876	167	402	.....	.....	.....	876	167	402
5,720	1,463	2,275	3,877	1,635	2,130	.....	.....	.....	3,877	1,635	2,130
5,870	1,507	2,502	4,753	1,802	2,532	.....	.....	.....	4,753	1,802	2,532
.....	.....	.....	1,873	415	308	.....	.....	.....	1,873	415	308
2,000	.....	22	69,745	22,767	5,454	.....	.....	.....	69,745	22,767	5,454
2,000	.....	22	71,618	23,182	5,762	.....	.....	.....	71,618	23,182	5,762
266	87	1,894	58	338	5,360	.....	319	209	58	19	5,151
673	88	290	13,881	2,483	548	10,014	2,113	429	3,867	370	119
1,474	317	664	2,611	506	681	.....	4	7	2,611	502	674
478	6	79	3,712	363	571	756	30	50	2,956	333	521
2,891	498	2,927	20,262	3,690	7,160	10,770	2,466	695	9,492	1,224	6,465
76	1	29	4,409	16	101	4,262	.....	23	147	16	78
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Not received.			Not received.			Not received.			Not received.		
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
791	560	577	916	2,377	578	394	1,524	280	522	852	298
1,161	493	272	456	733	364	.....	.....	.....	456	733	364
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
133	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
101	2	4	1,046	224	117	.....	.....	.....	1,046	224	117
.....	.....	.....	132	6	2	.....	.....	.....	132	6	2
.....	.....	.....	1,117	87	4	.....	.....	.....	1,117	87	4
101	2	4	2,295	317	123	.....	.....	.....	2,295	317	123
6,792	2,605	1,703	24,340	4,954	9,721	374	183	37	23,966	4,771	9,684
.....	.....	.....	2,400	1,777	904	.....	.....	.....	2,400	1,777	904
737	134	348	891	521	402	.....	.....	.....	891	521	402
7,529	2,739	2,051	27,631	7,252	11,027	374	183	37	27,257	7,069	10,990
.....	.....	5	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
2,675	798	677	10,342	2,708	3,912	761	409	828	9,581	2,294	3,084
352	20	285	227	46	129	.....	.....	.....	227	46	129
446	62	37	2,355	1,238	905	59	1	.....	2,296	1,237	905
3,473	880	999	12,924	3,987	4,946	820	410	828	12,104	3,577	4,118
1,26,287	24,495	34,757	4,55,881	1,23,805	89,593	25,519	11,260	4,785	4,30,362	1,12,544	84,808

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1879.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1879 to 31st March 1880.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	2,460	.....	13	4,514	.....	100	6,914	.....	113
	Bankoora	1,546	66	85	1,371	49	75	2,917	115	160
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	43	.....	.....
	Midnapore	2,498	.....	20	3,969	.....	41	6,467	.....	61
	Hooghly	3,114	6	73	1,349	21	78	4,463	27	151
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	5,907	.....	131	2,068	.....	297	7,975	.....	428
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5
	Jessore	713	.....	.....	654	.....	.....	1,367	.....	.....
	Moorshedabad	4,431	.....	24	534	.....	47	4,969	.....	71
Rajshahye	Rajshahye	480	.....	.....	215	.....	10	695	.....	10
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	.....	218	.....	.....	101	.....	.....	319
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,010	.....	.....	3,010
Dacca	Dacca	3,050	.....	.....	1,818	.....	23	5,468	.....	23
	Backergunge	709	47	19	151	.....	55	851	47	74
	Mymensingh	873	.....	56	72	.....	36	945	.....	92
	Tipperah	3,226	.....	53	326	.....	77	3,552	.....	130
	Furreedpore	1,454	.....	.....	159	.....	5	1,613	.....	5
Chittagong	Chittagong	2,057	.....	33	684	16	107	2,741	16	140
Patna	Patna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135	.....	.....	135
	Mozufferpore	3,635	.....	40	337	.....	69	4,172	.....	109
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gya	498	13	25	451	8	91	941	21	66
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	69
	Shahabad	2,993	.....	.....	414	.....	29	3,317	.....	29
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Purneah	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	12	.....	4
		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	2,475	.....	61	35	.....	20	2,510	.....	81
	Balasore	93	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	146	.....	.....
	Pooree	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	883	65	32	46	41	11	929	106	43
	Manbhoom	5,222	.....	51	217	.....	49	5,439	.....	100
	Total	48,962	197	965	19,480	135	4,463	68,442	332	5,428

Government in Pauper Suits was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1880.

Realized during 1879-80.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,856	.....	59	5,058	.....	54	697	.....	.....	4,361	.....	54	100
636	1	41	2,281	114	119	293	.....	12	1,987	114	107	68
43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
613	.....	9	5,854	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	5,854	.....	52	41
542	27	79	3,921	.....	72	2,414	.....	41	1,507	.....	31	97
2,116	.....	122	5,850	.....	286	84	.....	.....	5,775	.....	286	297
.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
219	.....	.....	1,148	.....	.....	419	.....	.....	729	.....	.....	42
86	.....	12	4,880	.....	59	.....	.....	.....	4,880	.....	59	47
61	.....	3	634	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	634	.....	7	10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	108	.....	.....	211	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	211	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,010	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,010	14
849	.....	.....	4,619	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	4,619	.....	23	111
54	.....	3	797	47	71	.....	47	.....	797	.....	71	63
337	.....	72	608	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	608	.....	29	26
1,613	.....	103	1,939	.....	28	691	.....	.....	1,247	.....	28	50
46	.....	.....	1,568	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	1,568	.....	5	58
410	10	29	2,331	.....	111	341	.....	1	1,990	.....	110	107
.....	.....	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
317	.....	10	3,855	.....	99	3,013	.....	.....	842	.....	99	5
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37	.....	.....	904	21	66	178	.....	.....	726	21	66	18
.....	.....	16	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	38
184	.....	29	3,133	.....	.....	117	.....	.....	3,016	.....	.....	41
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
41	.....	.....	2,469	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	2,469	.....	81	20
10	.....	.....	106	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	83	.....	.....	2
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
183	.....	39	746	106	4	.....	.....	.....	746	106	4	.....
279	.....	9	5,160	.....	91	134	.....	.....	5,026	.....	91	50
10,573	44	907	57,870	298	4,523	8,404	47	54	49,464	241	4,468	1,333

Reg. No. 2924J—175—10-7-80.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Calcutta, the 16th August 1880.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1879-80.

Read again—

The Report for the previous year and the orders of Government thereon.

At the beginning of the year there were ten appeals pending before the Privy Council, and five more were instituted during the year. Most of the ten cases pending at the beginning of the year were practically disposed of before that date, as stated in the report for 1878-79, and none of them were pending at the close of the year 1879-80. The only cases that remained pending on the 1st April 1880 were the five instituted in the past year. Of the ten cases disposed of finally in 1879-80, so far as Government was concerned, seven were amicably compromised either in or out of court, one was decided in favour of Government, and two cases in which the Maharajah of Durbhunga is respondent ceased to be in the charge of Government on the Maharajah attaining his majority.

2. The following table exhibits the leading statistical data connected with the disposal of civil suits in which Government was concerned during the past three years :—

CASES.

Before the High Court.

		1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Appeals	Decided in favour of Government ...	25	37	14
	Ditto against Government ...	1	5	3
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	4	5	...
	Total ...	30	47	17

Before Lower Courts.

Do.	Decided in favour of Government ...	35	29	31
	Ditto against Government ...	10	9	277
	Compromised or withdrawn ...	3	4	4
	Total ...	48	42	312
Original cases	Decided in favour of Government ...	357	787	334
	Ditto against Government ...	60	61	26
	Compromised or withdrawn ...	8	15	31
	Total ...	425	863	391
Total	Decided in favour of Government ...	417	853	379
	Ditto against Government ...	71	75	306
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	15	24	35
	GRAND TOTAL ...	503	952	720

Of the 306 cases entered in the above statement as decided against Government, 268 were appeals in suits for enhancement of rent in the Government estates of Buktiarpore and Malinuggur in the Durbhunga district. These suits were conducted without reference to the Legal Remembrancer, and although Government was successful in most cases in the court of first instance, the decisions on appeal were in favour of the ryots. A copy of paragraph 5 of the Legal Remembrancer's report will be forwarded to the Revenue Department of this office, so that enquiry may be made from the Commissioner regarding the 608 suits for arrears of rent at enhanced rates that were instituted in the Durbhunga district in 1878-79 without reference to the Legal Remembrancer. If the cases were, as they appear to have been, of a uniform character, their number would seem to have rendered them of sufficient importance for the

Legal Remembrancer to be consulted before their institution. Deducting the 268 appeals, for which the Legal Remembrancer's Office is not responsible, the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government was 91. Including all cases, whether conducted with or without reference to the Legal Remembrancer, the percentage was only 54·2 as compared with 90·8 in 1878-79.

3. Of the three cases decided against Government in the High Court, one was of considerable importance as determining finally that there is no usage in Behar districts on the shores of the Ganges, according to which the main channel of the river is regarded as the boundary between all estates lying on its banks, irrespective of whatever changes may take place in the river. The second case decided against Government did not involve any point of law. In the third case an appeal has been preferred to the Privy Council.

4. The Legal Remembrancer has compiled, from the returns of the last five years, a statement showing the periods during which Government cases and cases of the Court of Wards were pending in the High Court. The statement necessarily relates to only a small number of cases, but Mr. O'Kinealy is of opinion that it shows approximately the average duration of a regular appeal before the High Court. According to the statement no cases are decided in the year in which the appeal is instituted. Four per cent of the cases are decided in the year after institution, 60 per cent in the second year, 16 per cent in the third year, and 20 per cent in the fourth year. The average duration of a case before the Court is 18 months.

5. Some of the original cases decided against Government are of interest and importance. The case in which a rural Sub-Registrar sued Government to recover the pay of a clerk whom he had employed to prepare an index is an extraordinary one, and it is still more remarkable that the Moonsif should have decreed the case and rendered it necessary for Government to appeal in order to procure a reversal of the decision. One of the conditions of a rural Sub-Registrar's appointment is that he must provide whatever establishment is necessary for his work. A suit was brought to compel Government to construct three bridges on the Gya and Patna State Railway, in order to enable the plaintiff to irrigate his lands, and the Subordinate Judge gave the plaintiff a decree for the construction of one out of the three bridges. This case should, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks, have been reported to the Legal Remembrancer, as, when any valid claim of this nature is made, it is desirable that a compromise should be effected, and that the claimant should not be forced to resort to the civil court. The most important of the original suits were the Gya escheat cases, which have now been disposed of, the appeals preferred against the decision in favour of Government having been withdrawn. The result is that landed property, valued at about 19 lakhs of rupees, has been awarded to Government. The management of the suits reflects much credit on both the Legal Remembrancer and Mr. Kilby the Deputy Legal Remembrancer, who personally conducted the cases on behalf of Government in court.

6. The result of litigation, in which the Court of Wards was interested during the past three years, was as follows:—

	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.
Decided in favour of wards ...	3,557	4,514	3,409
Ditto against wards	225	289	263
Compromised, withdrawn, or remanded...	144	113	132
Total ...	3,926	4,916	3,804

Of the 132 cases that were compromised, withdrawn, or remanded, the result in only 43 was favourable to the wards. In 228 out of the 263 cases decided against the Court of Wards, the Legal Remembrancer was not consulted, but in order that these figures may be fully appreciated, it should be stated in future how many of the cases decided in favour of the wards were instituted without reference to the Legal Remembrancer. The number of cases in which the decisions were adverse to the Court of Wards is insignificant in comparison with the number in which the decisions were favourable. Of 32 wards' cases decided in the High Court, and 117 in the Lower Appellate Courts, six in the former and 45 in the latter resulted adversely to the Court of Wards.

7. The amount realized during the year on account of Government decrees was Rs. 30,340, or 4½ per cent of the whole demand of Rs. 6,74,790. Deducting the sums due and realized from the Port Canning Municipality, the realizations were 13 per cent of the demand as compared with 43½ per cent in 1878-79 and 61 per cent in 1877-78. The outstandings at the close of the year were largest in Gya, Manbhoom, Hooghly, Beerbhoom, and Bhagulpore. The suggestions made by the Legal Remembrancer for facilitating the realization of Government decrees have been approved by the Lieutenant-Governor.

8. Of the sum of Rs. 8,54,818, the total balance due under decrees in favour of wards' estates, Rs. 1,85,539 or 21½ per cent was realized during the year, against 15 per cent in 1878-79 and 23 per cent in 1877-78. Comparing the sum realized with the amount decreed during the year, it appears that 73 per cent was recovered as compared with 59 per cent in 1878-79 and 78 per cent in 1877-78. This apparent improvement on the realizations of 1878-79 is really due to the withdrawal from the Court of Wards of the Durbhunga Estate, in which the realizations were small and the outstandings large.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

HORACE A. COCKERELL,

Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 3826.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

No. 3827.

COPY of this Resolution, and extract paragraph 5 of the Report, forwarded to the Revenue Department of this office for the necessary action with reference to paragraph 2 of the Resolution.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. M. KISCH,

Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 16th August 1880.

C. E. G.—Reg. No. 4919C—196—17-8-80.

REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR

1880-81.

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No. 508.

FROM T. T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Fort William, the 30th June 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the year 1880-81.

Pending on the 31st March 1880.

1. Ramlall Mookerjee *versus* Government and others.
2. Government *versus* Gojendro Narain Roy, after his death his wife Anundo Moyee.
3. Rajah Nilmoney Sing *versus* Bukronath Sing and Government.
4. Puddokumari Debi *versus* Juggut Kissore Acharjee, minor.
5. Rajah Woodoy Additya Deb *versus* Jadub Lall Addito.

Instituted during 1880-81.

6. Rajeshurry Debi *versus* Lolit Mohun Roy.
7. Omrao Begum and another *versus* Government.

Privy Council Appeal No. 10.

8. Tarukeshur Roy *versus* minor Soshisikhureshur Roy by his mother Ranee Soudamini Debi.

Privy Council Appeal No. 11.

9. Soshisikhureshur Roy by his mother Soudamini Debi *versus* Kumar Tarukeshur Roy.

2. At the close of last year—*i.e.* on the 31st March 1880—there were five appeals, noted in the margin, pending in the Privy Council, and during the year under review four more were instituted, which gives a total of nine cases to be accounted for.

3. None of the five cases that were shown as pending at the close of 1879-80 have yet been disposed of, nor have I received any intimation from the Solicitor in England about their final disposal.

NEW INSTITUTIONS.

In the case of Rajeshurry Debi, the plaintiff having lost her case in the High Court applied for leave to appeal to England, but her application was rejected by the Hon'ble Justice Pontifex. She then sent instructions to move Her Majesty in Council to reverse the order of the High Court and admit her appeal, but her application was likewise rejected by the Privy Council on the 5th February last. In the case of Omrao Begum *versus* Government, instructions have been sent to the Solicitor to appear and defend the appeal, and my note for his guidance was submitted to Government with this office No. 1579, dated 17th March last. The last two appeals were admitted only on the 25th March last, and intimation has not yet been sent to England in them.

4. The following table shows the result of civil litigation in all the Courts of Bengal in which Government was a party, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Government	853	379	1,776
Decided against Government	75	306	210
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	24	35	108
Percentage in favour of Government	92	55	89

5. The great increase is owing to a large number of cases having been instituted in the district of Midnapore by the ryots of Majnamoota and Jellamoota to contest the enhancement of rents. These cases have almost all been

decided in favour of Government. Of the 210 cases shown as decided against Government, in 160 cases the Courts have given only partial decree to the plaintiffs, reducing the Collector's demand on the bastu land. In fact, the loss of Government in these cases would not amount to more than Rs. 300 in all. And of the 108 cases shown under the head "Compromised, remanded or withdrawn," in 70 the plaintiffs (ryots of Midnapore) withdrew their suits, and in some of them the Courts allowed the costs of Government. If these cases were classed among the favourable ones, the percentage would be more than ninety.

6. The result of Government litigation in the High Court, as compared with the two previous years, is as follows:—

		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Government	...	37	14	13
Decided against Government	...	5	3	3
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	5	...	5
Percentage in favour of Government	...	88	82	81

7. I give below the details of the three cases decided against Government.

24-*Pergunnahs.*

Government *versus* Jogendro Chunder Ghose.

The case marginally noted was decided against Government in the Lower Court, and against that decision we appealed to the High Court—*vide* paragraph 19 of this office report to Government, No. 484, dated 28th June 1879. The High Court dismissed our appeal, and the matter has been specially reported to Government by this office No. 778, dated 23rd August last. It was finally agreed, in consultation with the Advocate-General, not to carry the appeal to the Privy Council, and the whole mehal (Dantbhanga) was restored to its original proprietors.

Rajshahye.

Shama Sunkur Mozumdar and others *versus* Government and Raj Mohun Dey.

The plaintiffs sued to recover possession of some 1,343 bighas of land as forming part of their permanently-settled chur Notibpore.

The lands in dispute were said to have been accretions to their *usli* estate Notibpore, and, as such, permanently settled with them by the Collector of Pubna in June 1870, from which date they were said to have been in possession, paying the Government revenue till December 1873, when they were dispossessed, under orders of the Deputy Magistrate of Goalundo, by defendant Rajmohun Dey, who held the settlement of the khas chur Hoomooria. Our defence was that the lands pertained to the said khas chur Hoomooria belonging to Government, and that they were partly reformation on the original site of, and partly accretions to, the Government khas mehal Panchashazaree. The Subordinate Judge of Rajshahye dismissed the plaintiff's suit, on the ground that the lands in suit were formed as an island and consequently belonged to Government. Against this decision the plaintiff appealed to the High Court, which reversed the Subordinate Judge's decision, and gave a decree to the plaintiff for a great part of the lands in dispute, holding that the same appertained to the plaintiff's permanently-settled estate.

The permanent settlement of these disputed lands would seem not to have been sanctioned by the Board of Revenue, and, under the circumstances of the case, if the Board be of opinion that there exist grounds for cancelling the settlement, the judgment of the High Court leaves the exercise of that power unfettered.

Rajshahye.

Saroda Persad Gangooly and others, defendants, appellants, *versus* Government.

This suit was brought by Government against the trustees to the estate of the late Dwarka Nath Tagore for recovery of possession, as proprietor, of 2,195 bighas of land said to have been alluvial reformation on site originally appertaining to the estates chur Nakalia and kismut chur Nakalia, which were resumed by Government. Both these estates lay south-west of the river Ura Sagur, and were subject to periodical changes in area by the action of the river.

The defendants contended that the land in dispute did not belong to chur Nakalia, but was partly "*usli*" and partly accretion to their estate Umarpur; they further said that, as proprietor of Dehi Shahzadpur, to which chur Nakalia and kismut chur Nakalia appertained, they had a right to settlement of chur Nakalia itself, and therefore the Government claim to khas possession was not maintainable.

The Subordinate Judge of Rajshahye found that defendants had no right to the land in dispute, which was a part of the Government resumed estates chur Nakalia and kismut chur Nakalia, and, accordingly gave a partial decree to Government. The defendants appealed to the High Court against the Subordinate Judge's decision, which reversed the Lower Court's judgment, on the ground that the land in dispute was an alluvial accretion to the present estate Dehi Shahzadpur, belonging to the defendants, and Government had no right to it *as proprietor*.

8. The Gya escheat cases, referred to in paragraph 14 of last year's report, have now all come to an end. The appeals preferred to the High Court have been withdrawn, and the matter has been fully reported to Government in this office No. 1134, dated 23rd November 1880. The successful termination of these cases is mainly due to the exertions of Mr. Kilby, the Deputy Legal Remembrancer, and Baboo Bhup Sen Singh, the Government Pleader of Gya.

9. The following is a comparative statement of Government litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts:—

	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Government	29	31	21
Decided against Government	9	277	4
Compromised, withdrawn or remanded ...	4	4	3
Percentage in favour of Government ...	76	10	84

10. The particulars of the four cases decided against Government are as follows:—

Burdwan.

Peary Mohun Mookerjee, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government and others, defendants, respondents.

The plaintiff brought this case to set aside a sale under Act XI of 1859 for arrears of Government revenue, on the ground of irregularities in conducting and publishing the sale. Both the Collector and the Secretary of State were made defendants, and our defence was that the suit was not maintainable against the Collector; that the sale was duly conducted and notified; and that against the Secretary of State no suit would lie, the notice under section 424 not having been properly served. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit, and awarded costs to both the Collector and Government as against the plaintiff. The plaintiff then appealed to the Judge, and the Additional Judge, to whom the case was transferred, reversed the Lower Court's order, on the ground that the sale-notices were not duly served. He decreed the appeal as against Government, but dismissed that against the Collector. Against this decision we have preferred a second appeal to the High Court, and the case is now pending there.

Hooghly.

Juggeshur Surnokar, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government and another, defendants, respondents.

The plaintiff brought this suit to establish his right in, and to recover possession of, three cottahs of land as *mâl*, of which he was said to have been dispossessed by the defendant chowkidar. Our contention was that the land in suit was chakaran, and it was in the possession of the chowkidar since the permanent settlement. The Moonsif found on the evidence that the plaintiff has failed to make out a case, and dismissed it. On appeal the Subordinate Judge differed from the Lower Court in weighing the same evidence, and decreed the appeal.

Mozufferpore.

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Jeetulall, plaintiff, respondent.

This was a suit for confirmation of possession of a garden by setting aside the order of the Collector. We lost the case in the Lower Court, and it was reported to Government in paragraph 19 of this office report for 1878-79. We appealed, and the Lower Appellate Court concurred with the Moonsif and dismissed our appeal, and it was not thought advisable to prefer a second appeal.

Lohardugga.

Hariprasad Tewary, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government and others, defendants, respondents.

This was a suit to recover possession of 12 annas of village Dhoorna, in Barabhoom, by partition, on the ground that he, the plaintiff, purchased the rights and title of the other defendants in execution of a decree. Defendants, Ram Pattro and Rhedoy Pattro, urged that half the village was *mâl* and half service ghatwali under Government. The first Court dismissed the suit, being satisfied from the issumnuvisi papers that half the village was actually ghatwali. The plaintiff appealed, and the Lower

Appellate Court found from the said issumnuvisi papers that only one-fourth and not half the village was ghatwali, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's case.

11. The result of original cases of Government as compared with the two previous years is as follows:—

	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Government	787	334	1,742
Decided against Government	61	26	203
Compromised or withdrawn	15	31	100
Percentage in favour of Government ...	92	92	89

12. Of the 203 cases shown as decided against Government, 164 cases belong to Midnapore alone—viz. in 160 cases brought by the ryots of Jellamoota, &c. The Moonsif of Contai, as has already been said, did not allow the enhancement of rent on the *bastu* lands, and the loss of Government in these cases is merely nominal. In fact they have been decided substantially in favour of Government. The remaining four cases of Midnapore are as follows:—

Rajah Mokoond Lall Roy *versus* Government.

This is a suit for recovery of possession of some 11 bighas of land by the cancellation of sale held under the Certificate Act. It is said that the certificate procedure and execution of decree and sale were conducted without the plaintiff's knowledge. Our contention was that notice of certificate was only served upon Brojeshurry Dassi, whose name appears in the register as tenant, and the plaintiff never applied for mutation of his name after his purchase, and therefore no case would lie against Government. The case was, however, decreed in favour of the plaintiff.

Government *versus* Baikunto Nath Chowdhry.

This is a suit for enhancement of rent of khas mehal mouzah Ajudhyaghur. The defendant pleaded that no notice of enhancement was served on him; that the tenure was a jungleboori one; and that the rent of the tenure was a fixed one from a time before the permanent settlement, and therefore not liable to enhancement. The Moonsif of Midnapore dismissed the case with costs. We have preferred an appeal, and it is now pending before the Lower Appellate Court.

Holodhur Manjee *versus* Government.

This is a suit for confirmation of possession after setting aside sale of the lands in dispute, on the ground that whether plaintiff, after purchasing the land, paid all the rents due, but the officers of the khas tehsil department attached and sold the land fraudulently and without his knowledge. We denied the plaintiff's title to the land; that he never purchased the land in dispute; that the rents of 1281 and 1282 were never paid by the plaintiff or the recorded tenant; and that the notice of certificate was duly served on the tenant, and the plaintiff was never recognized as the tenant on the land. The case was decreed in favour of the plaintiff.

Juggernath Manjee *versus* Government and others.

This is a suit for recovery of possession of one bigha five cottahs of land which the plaintiff says he was in possession of since his purchase in 1874; but in 1879 the co-defendant, in collusion with the amin, got his name registered and obtained a pottah. Plaintiff therefore seeks to obtain an order for the registration of his name and for possession. Our defence was that at the time of the last settlement the co-defendant was found in possession, and the settlement was accordingly made with him. The Court decreed the case with costs as against the co-defendant, and ordered Government to bear its own cost.

13. The details of the remaining 39 cases are as follows:—

Beerbhoom.

Durjodhun Hajra *versus* Anunto Mal and Government.

Plaintiff sued to recover possession of some ten bighas of land, on the ground that the same was given to him by the zemindar for his private business and the Government had no right to them. We claimed the land as chowkidari chakaran. The Court found that the land was not chowkidari and Government had no right therein, and that defendant No. 1 was appointed chowkidar by the police without the consent of the zemindar. No appeal was filed against this decision as there were no strong grounds for it.

Burdwan.

Nos. 308, 309, and 310 of 1880, Dinobundhoo Nundy and others *versus* Government and others.

These three suits were for possession of lands which the plaintiffs say were given to the chowkidar-defendants by the former talookdar for their maintenance for the performance of zemindary work, which being no longer required, the plaintiffs are entitled to resume the lands. We claimed the lands as chowkidari chakaran, but the Moonsif held otherwise and decreed the cases. Against this decision appeals have been filed, and they are now pending in the Lower Appellate Court.

Nilruttun Bose *versus* Government.

This is a suit for possession of a bit of land and trees standing thereon, with value of lac, unlawfully held possession of by the police as part of the thana compound of station Ausgram. We urged that the land in dispute was held by Government as part of the Ausgram thana compound for more than 20 years, and the plaintiff cannot succeed without showing better title. The Court decreed the plaintiff's claim for land and trees, but dismissed as to the value of the lac. No appeal was filed.

Pubna.

Piswanath Adhicary and another *versus* Thomas Brar, Esq., representative of the Agra and Masterman's Bank, Limited, and Government.

This is a suit for determination of right and recovery of possession of 48 bighas of land as accretion to plaintiff's kharifa talook kismut Lukhikole. Our contention was that the disputed lands are excess lands, and were settled by the Dearah authorities as a portion of the estate Bispur Degur under the provisions of Act IX of 1847. The Court decreed the plaintiff's claim, and ordered costs to be recovered from defendant No. 1, who has preferred an appeal against the Moonsif's decision.

Kallinath Biswas and others *versus* Government.

This is a suit for determination of right and recovery of possession of 12 khodus and five pakus of land as reformation on the original site of plaintiff's mouzah Kesar Majbail. Our defence is that the disputed lands were reformations on the original site of Shoratoil and accretions thereto. The Court, according to the survey map, decreed a portion of the plaintiff's claim to the extent of 75 bighas only, and dismissed the rest of the claim with costs.

24-Pergunnahs.

Kissory Mohun Roy and others *versus* Government.

In this case the plaintiffs state that, although there was no arrear due from them on account of their holding in Punchannogram, their lands were sold by Government by public auction for arrears of Government revenue. Our defence is that the plaintiffs should have preferred an appeal to the Commissioner under section 33, Act XI of 1859; that no notice under section 424, Civil Procedure Code, was served on Government; and that the plaintiffs, when paying their revenue, gave a wrong description of their holding. The first Court set the sale aside and ordered each party to bear his own cost. Against this decision an appeal has been preferred.

Judistur Purkait *versus* Government.

This was a suit to recover price of paddy wrongfully seized by Government to recover the fine imposed upon one Chundramony Peshakur. We contended that the paddy belonged to Chundramony, but the Court found on evidence that the paddy did not belong to her, and gave a partial decree in favour of the plaintiff, and no appeal was filed against this decision.

Chittagong.

Asad Ali Khan *versus* Government.

Plaintiff sued to establish his title to, and to recover possession of, certain lands on the allegation that they partly formed a portion of his ancestral talook and partly an accretion to the said talook. We pleaded limitation and under-valuation, and also that the land in dispute formed, in consequence of the diversion of the river course and the excavation of a fari by the Government agency, and therefore it is the property of Government, and it had the power to grant settlement to any person it liked. The case was first dismissed on the ground of limitation, but on appeal the Additional Judge reversed the order of dismissal, and remanded the case for trial on merits. Against this order a special appeal was filed, but the High Court confirmed the Lower Appellate Court's order. The Moonsif then finally found on evidence that the land in dispute was partly in the possession of plaintiff for twelve years next previous to the institution of the suit, and partly accreted to the plaintiff's talook previous to the diversion of the river by Government, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's case.

These two cases were brought to set aside the sale of their talooks, on the ground of sale-notices not having been served in the mofussil. We denied their allegations, but the Court found on evidence that the sale-notices were not actually served, and the plaintiffs had thereby suffered loss and cancelled the sales. Appeals have been filed, and they have not been decided yet.

Roman Chunder Burrooah *versus* Government, and Ishan Chunder Dass and others *versus* Government.

Plaintiff sued to establish his ancestral ryoti right, and purchased taluki right to a tank by striking out the names of the co-defendants from the chitta and substituting his name thereto, and also prays for settlement. Our defence was that the amin found the disputed tank in the possession of the co-defendants; that the plaintiff might have no cause of action, inasmuch as he did not put forward his objection until after the completion of the settlement; but that we have objection to accept the plaintiff as one of the settlement-holders if the Court declared his right to the settlement. Plaintiff proved his ryoti right and possession of the tank which the co-defendants failed, and the Court accordingly gave a decree to the plaintiff, ordering each party to bear his own costs. We are a loser of costs only in this case, and no appeal was filed.

Mahomed Soiud *versus* Government and others.

The plaintiffs in these cases contested the right of Government to enhance the rent of their talooks. We pleaded that their jotes and rents were not *kaimi* (fixed), and they were ryots under section 6 of Act VIII of 1879; but the Court found that the plaintiffs were ryots under section 7 of Act VIII of 1879, and not under section 6, and consequently set aside the jummabundee and decreed their cases.

Noakholly.

Goluck Chunder Sen *versus* Government, and Jogutbundhoo Gangooly *versus* Government.

This is an application for certificate under Act XXVII of 1860 of the property left by one Brojo Sundory Chowdhrani. The applicant having proved his claim, a certificate was granted to him by the Court.

Tipperah.

Krishnakumul Nyarutna *versus* Government.

Plaintiffs claimed 150 bighas of land as part and parcel of their Brahmuttur village Ramchunderpore, and we disputed the same to belong to ghatwally village Makoola; but the Court found a portion of the land to belong to plaintiffs' village Ramchunderpore, and gave a partial decree, against which the ghatwal-defendant has appealed.

Manbhoom.

Haripraśad Tewarry and others *versus* Government and others.

This is a suit to set aside an auction sale for arrears of Government revenue, on the ground of fraud on the part of the auction-purchasers, and irregularity in publishing and conducting the sale. We pleaded that the proceedings of the Collector were in strict conformity to the provisions of the Revenue Laws; but the Court found that the date of sale originally fixed was within 30 days from the day fixing the sale, which was irregular, and hence set aside the sale. No appeal has been filed.

Saran.

Jirjoodhun Rai and others *versus* Government and others.

The facts of this case are that plaintiff stood as surety for one Amir Hossein, excise darogah, who, having embezzled Government money, fled, and the Collector therefore filed a certificate against him under Act VII (B. C.) of 1868, and it is to set aside this certificate that the plaintiff sued, on the ground that the surety bond executed by him was an invalid and inoperative document. Our defence was that the suit was not triable, and the bond was good and valid. The Court found that the bond was good only for Rs. 300, and therefore gave a modified decree to the plaintiff. Against this decision an appeal has been filed.

Gya.

Hurput Misser *versus* Government.

The subject-matter of this suit is that, in a former suit brought in *formâ pauperis* against the plaintiff by one Bissessur Ojha, who is a co-defendant in this case, the Court adjudged the stamp fee against Bissessur Ojha, and in order to realize the stamp duty, the Collector sold the lands decreed to him in that suit. Plaintiff now sues to recover possession of two bighas five cottahs of land which he says was excluded from the lands decreed to Bissessur on his application in the former suit. We contended that the plaintiff had no cause of action against Government. He should have taken steps in proper time to protect his lands from sale; that the sale was a *bonâ fide* one, and if the plaintiff was prejudiced

Shahabad.

Rughunath Ojha *versus* Government and others.

thereby, he had his remedy against the person in possession and the pauper. The Court decreed the plaintiff's claim, and ordered each party to bear his own cost.

The remaining 19 cases belong to the Patna district. They are all land acquisition cases referred to the Judge under section 15 of Act X of 1870, and the Judge having awarded a larger amount of compensation than that offered by the Collector, the cases are shown as against Government.

14. The result of Wards' litigation, as compared with the two previous years, is as follows:—

		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	4,514	3,409	1,375
Ditto against ditto ditto	...	289	263	112
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	113	132	66
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	94	93	92

15. The decrease is owing to several estates having gone out of the hands of the Court of Wards during the year; especially the two big estates Raj Durbhunga and Chuckdighee, whose litigation was by far greater than any estate now in the hands of the Court of Wards.

16. The following is the result of Wards' litigation in the High Court as compared with the two preceding years:—

		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	28	26	20
Ditto against ditto ditto	...	2	6	3
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	10	5	11
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	93	81	87

17. I do not think it necessary to give the particulars of the three cases decided against the Court of Wards. These are special appeals in rent suits preferred to the High Court by the predecessor of the minors before their estates came under the Court of Wards. In fact, there was no appeal decided against the Court of Wards in which this office was consulted.

18. The following is a comparative statement of Wards' litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts:—

		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	120	72	54
Ditto against ditto ditto	...	84	45	11
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	18	11	4
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	58	61	83

19. Of the eleven cases shown as decided against the Court of Wards, ten were not reported to this office, being rent suits, or suits which, under the existing rules, were not required to be reported to this office. The only appeal of a civil nature decided against the Court of Wards is the following:—

Lohardugga.

Dewan Bhikari Lall and Bishen Prosad, defendants, appellants, *versus* Dhunwar Estate, plaintiff, respondents.

This was a suit instituted by the Manager of the Dhunwar estate for possession of certain land as belonging to plaintiff's mouzah Durai Sarwan. Defendants pleaded that the lands in dispute has all along been in their possession as belonging to their village Madhupore. The first Court decreed the suit, but on appeal the Judicial Commissioner reversed the Lower Court's order, on the ground that the survey award of 1860 having treated the disputed land as forming part of defendant's village Madhupore, the burden of proof lay on the plaintiff to establish title and possession, which the latter failed to do.

20. The result of original cases is as follows:—

		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	4,366	3,311	1,301
Ditto against ditto	...	203	212	98
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	85	116	51
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	95	94	93

21. The decrease, as I have already said in paragraph 15, is owing to the removal of several estates from the charge of the Court of Wards.

22. Of the 98 cases shown as decided against the Court of Wards, almost all of them were rent suits or suits for bond debts, which were instituted by the

managers on their own responsibility, or under sanction of the Commissioners. In fact there was no case of any importance which requires special notice.

23. The following gives the result of Government and Wards' decrees recovered during the year, as compared with the two previous years:—

		Government decrees.		
		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	6,63,032	6,74,790	7,10,495
Recovered during the year	...	49,224	30,340	39,953
Percentage of recovery	...	7½	4½	5⅗

Deducting the Canning Municipal decrees, of which nothing was realized during the year, the figures will run as follows:—

		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	1,13,190	1,11,188	1,38,851
Recovered during the year	...	49,224	14,340	39,953
Percentage of recovery	...	43½	13	29

The heaviest balances are in the following districts:—

Beerbhoom, Rs. 7,579.—Out of this amount Rs. 6,917, covered by two decrees against Golap Lall Sircar and Ramnath Sircar, were found irrecoverable, and the local officers have recommended their remission.

Gya, Rs. 12,952.—Out of this sum Rs. 11,676 are due from one person, and execution was only recently taken out against him.

Manbhoom, Rs. 13,665.—Of this, Rs. 7,570 are from one Banee Madhub Ojha, and, as reported last year, all means to realize the amount from him having failed, a warrant of arrest has been issued against him. Nearly a thousand rupees was realized since the close of the year, and the remainder is under process of recovery.

		Wards' decrees.		
		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Amount under realization	...	21,89,196	8,54,818	8,23,760
Recovered during the year	...	3,31,184	1,85,539	1,65,559
Percentage of recovery	...	15	21½	20

The percentage of recovery is almost the same as in last year.

The heaviest balances are at Midnapore (Rs. 90,481), 24-Pergunnahs (Rs. 1,22,025), Durbhunga (Rs. 96,803), and Lohardugga (Rs. 1,00,059); and the attention of the local officers has been specially drawn to the subject.

24. Mr. O'Kinealy was in charge of the office from 1st April to 9th October 1880, and I have been in charge for the remainder of the year.

25. During the year under review the following changes were effected in the office of the District Government Pleaders:—

Baboo Denonath Dhur, B.A., B.L., has been appointed Government Pleader of Dacca, in the place of Baboo Baneemadhub Dutt, deceased.

Baboo Nullit Chunder Sen was appointed Government Pleader of Rajshahye, in the place of Baboo Jadub Chunder Sircar, deceased.

Baboo Poorno Chunder Mitter was appointed Government Pleader of Mozufferpore in the place of Baboo Kedarnath Banerjee, resigned; and Baboo Preonath Mookerjee appointed Junior Government Pleader, criminal side, in the place of Baboo Poorno Chunder Mitter.

Moulvie Khodabuksh was appointed Government Pleader of Patna in the place of Baboo Nobin Chunder Dey, resigned.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised or remanded.	

(2.) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	2	1	130	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2,100
Zillah appeals	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	200	2	623
Original suits	2,958	1,561	23,519	160	2,985	84	5,548	1,153	47,662
Total ...	2,963	1,562	23,649	160	2,985	85	5,748	1,156	50,385

(3.) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	100
Zillah appeals	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	139	2	975
Original suits	20	5	7,895	1	825	.....	.....	14	2,774
Total ..	24	5	7,895	1	825	1	139	17	3,849

(4.) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60
Original suits	8	2	85	3	3,662	.....	.....	3	1,362
Total ...	11	4	85	3	3,662	.....	.....	4	1,422

(5.) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court	1	1	95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	4,735	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	1	.....	1	.....	1	1,100	.....	.....
Total ...	6	4	4,830	1	.....	1	1,100	.....	.....

(6.) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7.) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c., &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	1	38,350	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,154
Total ...	3	1	38,350	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,154

(8.) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	186	1	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	13,804
Total ...	186	1	67	.....	.....	.....	.....	185	13,804

(9.) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property or purchase-money.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	5	3	753	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	903
Original suits	21	10	44,990	.....	.....	2	932	9	2,403
Total ...	26	13	45,743	.....	.....	2	932	11	3,306

(10.) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond suits.

High Court	17	7	1,28,334	2	15,350	2	1,32,181	6	51,225
Zillah appeals	27	9	2,588	2	1,104	1	1,050	15	5,484
Original suits	82	28	90,841	11	2,803	8	44,038	35	1,18,874
Total ...	126	44	2,21,763	15	19,257	11	1,77,269	56	1,75,583

(11.) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	2	95
Total ...	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	15	2	95

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from Official Acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Remanded, compromised or withdrawn.	

(2.) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	80
Zillah appeals	7	1	80	1	4,000	.....	.....	5	770
Original suits	20	7	2,596	4	64,515	.....	.....	9	294,282
Total ...	28	8	2,676	5	68,515	.....	.....	15	295,132

(3.) Suits for reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4.) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5.) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6.) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	1	214	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	10	5	390	2	113	1	260	2	4,030
Total ...	12	6	604	3	213	1	260	2	4,030

(7.) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8.) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation, or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,700
Original suits	2	.....	.....	1	3,733	.....	.....	1	1,656
Total ...	4	.....	.....	1	3,733	.....	.....	3	4,356

(9.) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	1	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	1	1,984	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,314
Original suits	4	4	1,664	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	9	6	4,148	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,314

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn.	

(2.) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	1	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	944
Original suits	53	52	1,725	1	149	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	57	53	1,725	1	149	.....	.....	3	944

(3.) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4.) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	2	2	251	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5.) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6.) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt.

High Court	7	1	7,796	1	8,850	3	27,36,461	2	59,666
Zillah appeals	7	1	1,123	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1,213
Original suits	36	20	1,07,702	.....	.....	3	69,928	13	2,17,507
Total ...	50	22	1,16,621	1	8,850	6	28,06,389	21	2,78,386

(7.) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8.) Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,170
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	71	45	2,945	19	3,086	.....	.....	7	5,750
Total ...	72	45	2,945	19	3,086	.....	.....	8	6,920

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1880-81.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.											
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR								
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.					In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.		Remanded.				
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1880.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April to 31st March 1881.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1881.	Number pending on the 31st March 1880.	Number instituted from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.	Total.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1881.	Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.	REMARKS.
High Court ...	... (a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	8	33	...	13	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	1	21	12	1	
Bankoora	4	5	9	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	
Beerbhoom ...	3	1	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Burdwan	5	7	12	4	2	...	4	...	...	1	...	11	1	3	6	9	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	6	...
Hooghly	1	3	4	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2	2	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Midnapore	19	2,710	2,729	52	1,561	1	163	...	3	...	70	1,850	879	7	8	15	2	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	7	...
Jessore	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	3	10	13	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	9	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...
Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	6	8	14	...	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	3	11	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Rajshahye	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rungpore	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigori	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ...	...	6	6	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Dacca	3	5	8	...	7	...	...	...	1	...	...	8	...	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Furreedpore ...	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	1	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...
Mymensing ...	2	3	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Chittagong	12	42	54	...	21	...	4	...	...	...	...	25	29	...	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...
Noakholly	20	311	331	...	5	...	2	...	14	...	...	21	310	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Tipperah	4	19	23	1	1	...	1	...	3	...	...	6	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chumparun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Durbhunga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	5	21	26	...	15	...	1	2	...	...	...	18	8	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Mozufferpore ...	1	138	139	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	138	2	2	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1
Sarun	2	5	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	4	51	55	33	...	19	...	...	...	...	...	52	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore ...	1	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Manbhoom ...	2	11	13	1	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	7	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Singbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	105	3,375	3,480	104	1,638	20	183	2	25	1	72	2,045	1,435	50	52	102	5	29	2	5	2	4	...	...	...	2	49	53	2

(a) The discrepancy of one case is owing to Government not having appeared in it.

E.

Statement showing the Amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the Sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	754	.....	.....	754	125	309	2	17	453
	Bankoora	439	.....	.....	439	24	1,299	203	60	1,586
	Beerbhoom	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	27	8	35
	Midnapore	648	.....	.....	648	366	734	174	23	1,297
	Hooghly	4,357	.....	.....	4,357	39	150	56	45	290
Presidency	24-Perganahs	71	.....	.....	71	1,302	1,127	100	659	3,188
	Nuddea	187	.....	.....	187	.....	.....	.....	25	25
	Jessore	34	.....	.....	34	.....	1,040	.....	600	1,640
	Moorshedabad	1,977	.....	.....	1,977	1,052	.....	1,036	3	2,091
	Soonderbuns	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rajshahye	52	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	927	.....	.....	927	483	464	177	17	1,141
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Julpigori	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	1,088	.....	.....	1,088	.....	.....	2,172	39	2,211
	Furreedpore	321	.....	.....	321	.....	.....	965	4,392	5,357
	Backergunge	43	.....	.....	43	9	64	7	128	208
	Mymensingh	.....	.....	.....	.....	883	473	226	170	1,752
Chittagong	Chittagong	69	.....	.....	69	.....	38	732	5	775
	Noakholly	236	.....	.....	236	.....	6	1,197	.....	1,203
	Tipperah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	3	145	185
Patna	Patna	24,136	.....	.....	24,136	3,736	5,071	.....	144	8,951
	Gya	60	.....	101	161	4,013	114	20	26	4,173
	Shahabad	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	1,122	18	1,140
	Mozufferpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	6	44
	Durbhunga	391	.....	.....	391	69	.....	24	130	223
	Sarun	380	.....	.....	380	.....	.....	3	7	10
	Champarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Monghyr	10	.....	.....	10	.....	1,590	.....	165	1,755
	Bhagulpore	77	.....	.....	77	.....	.....	.....	71	71
	Purneah	7	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	87
	Doomka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	52
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	132	132	.....	.....	51	132	183
	Pooree	43	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	59	.....	59
	Balasore	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	443	.....	.....	443	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Singbhoom	18	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	2,920	.....	.....	2,920	88	1,290	451	.....	1,829
	Total	39,770	.....	233	40,003	12,189	13,706	8,997	7,122	42,014

F.

Statement showing the Amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the Sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1880.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan	320	.....	.....	853	9	.....	1,173	9	.....
	Beerbhoom	6,501	669	41	21	389	8	6,522	1,058	49
	Bankoora	2,810	382	98	3,730	207	140	6,540	589	238
	Midnapore	1,621	666	166	1,357	87	136	2,978	753	302
	Hooghly	6,643	3	22	3,451	7	46	10,094	10	68
Presidency ...	24-Pergunnahs ...	[4,50,836	96,368	50	3,021	27,541	.....	4,53,857	1,24,409	50
	Nuddea	145	1	84	.....	6	13	145	7	97
	Jessore	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
	Moorshedabad ...	484	.....	1,051	.....	.....	444	484	.....	1,495
	Soonderbuns ...	5	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	7
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar ...	Rajshahye	988	133	16	49	63	.....	1,037	196	16
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	114	1,888	.....	34	11	.....	148	1,899
	Julpigori	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca ...	Dacca	515	45	(a)31	2,550	96	27	3,065	141	58
	Mymensingh ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Furreedpore... ...	230	8	47	31	14	13	261	22	60
	Backergunge ...	18	.....	.....	786	31	72	804	31	72
Patna ...	Patna	23	14	286	23,850	.....	6	23,873	14	292
	Mozufferpore ...	136	.....	.....	2,138	313	38	2,274	313	38
	Gya	24,438	1,219	1,149	8,151	1,266	1,291	32,589	2,485	2,440
	Durbhunga	310	.....	24	90	.....	97	400	.....	121
	Shahabad	1,160	.....	60	45	1	6	1,205	1	66
	Sarun	308	49	11	305	18	7	613	67	18
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	2,697	70	6	10	3	.....	2,707	73	6
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	22	18	.....	22
	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	7	.....	.....
	Doomka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	152
Chota Nagpore ...	Lohardugga... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	12,836	794	363	1,692	757	189	14,528	1,551	552
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	18
	Hazaribagh	934	301	274	298	109	78	1,232	410	352
Orissa ...	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	172	.....	.....	172
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	.....	66
Chittagong ...	Chittagong	90	.....	17	343	.....	5	433	.....	22
	Noakholly	35	.....	(b)426	.....	.....	151	35	.....	577
	Tipperah	.....	.....	.....	318	.....	12	318	.....	12
	Total ...	5,14,083	1,01,336	6,151	54,754	30,951	3,220	5,68,837	1,32,287	9,371

(a)—The difference is owing to a mistake of double
(b)—The difference of Rs. 1,740 is owing to pauper
(c)—Transferred to Bankoora.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government

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in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1*st April* 1881.

Realized during 1880-81.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
745	9	.....	428	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	428	.....	.....
50	.....	.....	6,472	1,058	49	.....	.....	.....	6,472	1,058	49
321	82	36	6,219	507	202	391	26	30	5,828	481	172
499	7	142	2,479	746	160	.....	.....	.....	2,479	746	160
4,321	10	26	5,773	.....	42	228	.....	7	5,545	.....	35
16	5	.....	4,53,841	1,24,404	50	5	.....	.....	4,53,836	1,24,404	50
145	7	35	.....	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	62
.....	.....	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
482	.....	1,495	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
5	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
49	3	.....	988	193	16	.....	.....	.....	988	193	16
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	17	910	.....	131	989	.....	.....	.....	.....	131	989
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
963	84	41	2,102	57	17	.....	.....	.....	2,102	57	17
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
245	20	56	16	2	4	.....	.....	.....	16	2	4
43	.....	.....	761	31	72	.....	.....	.....	761	31	72
23,853	.....	283	20	14	9	.....	.....	.....	20	14	9
.....	.....	.....	2,274	313	38	.....	.....	.....	2,274	313	38
152	7	2	32,437	2,478	2,438	21,826	1,833	742	10,611	645	1,696
310	.....	81	90	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	90	.....	40
8	1	6	1,197	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	1,197	.....	60
308	54	18	305	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	305	13	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
74	3	.....	2,633	70	6	.....	.....	.....	2,633	70	6
10	.....	.....	8	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	22
.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....
7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,555	216	149	11,973	1,335	403	(c) 26	(c) 7	(c) 13	11,947	1,328	390
.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
295	83	65	937	327	287	244	113	84	693	214	203
.....	.....	132	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	43	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
65	.....	4	368	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	368	.....	18
.....	.....	236	35	.....	341	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	341
.....	.....	.....	318	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	318	.....	12
35,526	608	3,819	5,33,311	1,31,679	5,552	22,720	1,979	876	5,10,591	1,29,700	4,676

entry made by the Collector in the last yea r's return.
suit decrees having been inadvertently include d in this.

in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding on 1*st April* 1881.

I.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1880-81.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.												
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1880.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1881.	Number pending on 31st March 1880.	Number instituted from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1881.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	36*g*	43	79	10	10	3	...	3	1	...	...	2	5	34	45	3
Burdwan	4*b*	9	13	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	1*b*	2	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	15	28	43	10	6	...	4	8	4	...	...	32	11	8	1	9	1	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	3
Hooghly	4	1	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
24-Pergunnahs	5	105	110	87	6	4	1	...	3	...	...	101	9	1	9	10	1	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...
Nuddea	3	29	32	30	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	31	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Jessore	18	508	526	471	3	11	9	2	4	6	1	507	19	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Moorshedabad	9	41	50	40	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	42	8	3	2	5	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...
Dinagepore	3*c*	8	11	3	1	1	3	...	...	...	...	8	3	...	4	4	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	2
Rajshahye	1	16	17	6	6	...	...	...	1	...	...	13	4	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Rungpore	8	117	125	19	1	1	3	...	...	1	...	25	100	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigori	5	345	350	180	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	185	165	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	1	8	9	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore	3	35	38	15	9	1	1	2	2	...	...	30	8	2	3	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	..
Backergunge	4*h*	76	80	48	1	23	...	1	...	...	6	79	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	3*f*	7	10	...	2	1	3	...	1	...	...	7	3	3	2	5	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...
Tipperah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Chittagong	6	17	23	7	5	...	3	...	4	...	...	19	4	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Noakholly	1	13	14	2	4	...	7	...	...	...	...	13	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Patna	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	3*e*	5	8	...	5	...	1	...	2	...	...	8	...	2*e*	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	7	2	9	1	2	...	4	...	1	...	...	8	1	4	4	8	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	...
Mozufferpore	Not received.																												
Monghyr	...	6	6	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	4	1	5	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	5	...	9	3	12	7	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	...
Maldah	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	5	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	19	170	189	141	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	146	43	2*d*	5	7	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	2	...
Manbhoom	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	10	167	177	159	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	162	15	11*a*	1	12	2	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...
Total ...	138	1,726	1,864	1,243	58	53	45	13	23	8	7	1,450	414	89	89	178	30	44	9	5	4	1	...	...	2	8	103	75	9

(*a*)—The difference is owing to one case being shown twice in last year's return.
(*b*)—The discrepancies are owing to an estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(*c*)—The discrepancy is owing to an estate having gone out of the Court of Wards.
(*d*)—The discrepancy are owing to two cases having been erroneously shown twice in the last year's return.
(*e*)— Ditto are owing to several estates having been released from the Court of Wards.
(*f*)—The discrepancy is owing to an estate having been released from the Court of Wards.
(*g*)—The difference of two cases is owing to an estate having been released from the Court of Wards, and in one case the Court of Wards did not appear.
(*h*)— Ditto three cases is owing to the estate of Nocori Lall Chuckerbutty having been released from the Court of Wards.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under Decrees of Court, from 1*st April* 1880 *to* 31*st March* 1881.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	975	.....	259	1,234	.....	310	.....	.....	19	329
	Total ...	975	.....	259	1,234	.....	310	.....	.....	19	329
Bankoora ...	Supur estate* ...	44	.....	.....	44	61	281	51	.....	.....	393
Midnapore...	Jamirapal estate ...	7,254	.....	.....	7,254	.....	976	.....	.....	170	1,146
	Nischinta ,, ...										
	Beluria ,, ...										
	Moisadal ,, ...										
	Jambuni ,, ...										
	Khetrahat ,,										
	Total ...	7,254	.....	.....	7,254	.....	976	.....	.....	170	1,146
Jessore ...	Bagchur estate ...	23	.....	3,263	3,286	.....	50	15	.....	596	661
	Narail ,, ...					Not received.					
	Ramnuggur ,, ...	194	.....	14,9	15,189	.....	4,413	52	.....	157	4,622
	Total ...	217	.....	18,258	18,475	.....	4,463	67	.....	753	5,283
Moorsheda-bad.	Punchtopee estate (released.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nushipore estate (mál)	2,432	.....	.....	2,432	1,619	814	.....	136	.....	2,569
	Ditto ,, (debutter.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	12
	Nehallia ,, (released.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	K. D. Banerjee's estate, (Sydabad).		.....	.....	58	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	16
	Byashpore estate ...	1	.....	.....	1	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	11
	Choan ,, ...	58 7	.....	.....	587	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
	Cossim Bazar ,, ...	14	.....	.....	14	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	3
	Total ...	3,092	.....	.....	3,092	1,619	859	.....	136	.....	2,614
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate	15,333	.....	.....	15,333	.....	1,743	28	.....	593	2,364
24-Pergunnahs.	Halishahar estate ...	442	.....	.....	442	.....	35	61	.....	50	146
	Paikpara ,, ...					Not received.					
	Bawali ,, ...	267	.....	.....	267	.....	102	.....	.....	202	304
	Satkhira ,, ...	33,100	.....	.....	33,100	20	1,259	398	.....	3,489	5,166
	Burranagore ,, ...	402	.....	.....	402	.....	126	1	.....	95	222
	Bhowanipore ,, ...	390	.....	.....	390	.....	51	15	.....	567	633
	Ditto attached estate.	1,552	.....	.....	1,552	.....	3	.....	.....	460	463
	Total ...	36,153	.....	.....	36,153	20	1,576	475	.....	4,863	6,934
Rungpore...	Panga estate ...	2,377	.....	.....	2,377	.....	456	82	.....	.....	538
	Kamarpukur ,, ...	568	.....	.....	568	.....	197	19	.....	.....	216
	Total ...	2,945	.....	.....	2,945	.....	653	101	.....	.....	754
Dinagepore	Joydebpore estate (released).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Churamun ,, ...	766	.....	.....	766	.....	738	1,400	.....	58	2,191
	Gunga Prosad estate (released.)	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Huzrutpore estate ...	15	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Kolunderpore ,, ...	5	.....	.....	5	.....	87	.....	.....	22	109
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	1,835	.....	151	1,984	.....	107	.....	.....	.....	107
	Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	2,619	.....	151	2,770	.....	932	1,400	.....	75	2,407
Bogra ...	Hurrokishore Guhu's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	Chowgong estate ...	174	.....	.....	174	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	57
	Gobindpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nawapara ,, ...	67	.....	.....	67	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	46
	Mainam	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	16	.....	.....	74
	Pootean ,, ...	450	.....	.....	450	.....	571	.....	.....	.....	571
	Tahirpore ,, ...	1,834	.....	.....	1,834	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	2,525	.....	.....	2,525	.....	732	16	.....	.....	748
Julpigori ...	Cooch Behar estate ..	26,708	.....	.....	26,708	.....	5,271	.....	.....	.....	5,271
Dacca ...	Wards' estates	14	.....	.....	14	.....	374	786	.....	13	1,173
Furreedpore	Ward's estate	77	.....	.....	77	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	18
Mymensingh	Hur Gobind Lushker's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jagut Kishore Acharjee's estate.	8,123	.....	.....	8,123	.....	3,004	13,272	5,336	.....	21,612
	Total ...	8,123	.....	.....	8,123	.....	3,004	13,272	5,336	.....	21,612

* Transferred from Manbhoom.

J—*concluded.*

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in Miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Tipperah ...	Basarut Ali Chowdhry's estate.	5,552	.....	.....	5,552	.....	660	97	.....	336	1,093
	Total ...	5,552	.....	.....	5,552	.....	660	97	.....	336	1,093
Backergunge.	Nocori Lall Chuckerbutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	44	.....	.....	47
	Tauck Kumar Chuckerbutty and brothers estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	16
	Nobo Durga Debia ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Juggut Narain Roy's ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	16	.....	.....	39
	Bepin Behary Das's ...	44	.....	.....	44	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	49
	Huro Kumar Das's ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	15	.....	.....	58
	Total ...	44	.....	.....	44	.....	134	75	.....	.....	209
Noakholly	Anunga Mohun Mozumdar's estate.	278	.....	.....	278	.....	23	23	.....	108	154
	Courjoun Estate ...	243	.....	2,613	2,856	.....	226	823	.....	636	1,685
	Ganga Churn Mozumdar's Estate.	.....	.....	32	32	.....	42	154	.....	.....	196
	Total ...	521	.....	2,645	3,166	.....	291	1,000	.....	744	2,035
Chittagong	Hedait Ali Chowdhry's estate.	290	.....	.....	290	.....	4	.....	.....	140	144
	Amrunnissa's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Romesh Chunder Chowdhry's estate.	260	.....	.....	260	188	.....	.....	.....	100	288
	Magun Das Roy's estate	1,499	.....	.....	1,499	620	1,167	.....	.....	42	1,829
	Nayantara's estate ...	1,292	.....	.....	1,292	103	.....	.....	.....	833	936
	Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	1,029	.....	.....	1,029	86	11	.....	.....	179	276
	Fuzl Ahmed's estate ...	500	.....	.....	500	111	242	.....	.....	161	514
	Total ...	4,870	.....	.....	4,870	1,108	1,424	.....	.....	1,455	3,987
Durbhunga...	Nurhan estate	1,163	.....	.....	1,163	1,609	166	661	.....	896	3,332
	Total ...	1,163	.....	.....	1,163	1,609	166	661	.....	896	3,332
Sarun ...	Wards' estates	549	.....	.....	549	.....	.....	58	.....	137	195
Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh's estate	250	.....	.....	250	.....	112	728	.....	8	848
	Rughonundun Prosad's estate.	443	.....	.....	443	.....	1	252	.....	77	330
	Total ...	693	.....	.....	693	.....	113	980	.....	85	1,178
Patna	Wards' estates	162	.....	.....	162	.....	32	.....	.....	192	224
Monghyr ...	Malpa estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	274	.....	.....	.....	274
	Phulberiah estate ...	708	.....	.....	708	.....	.....	.....	.....	133	133
	Chantham „	240	.....	.....	240	5,486	2,344	.....	.....	.....	7,830
	Lalpore „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	948	.....	.....	948	5,486	2,618	.....	.....	133	8,237
Purneah ...	Surjapore estate... ...	864	.....	.....	864	.....	89	213	.....	39	341
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate	958	.....	.....	958	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	58
Bhagulpore	Wards' estates	153	.....	.....	153	122	150	41	.....	1,102	1,415
Pooree ...	Wards' estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cuttack ...	Kanika estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate ...	610	.....	2,333	2,943	1,223	2,316	26	.....	3,721	7,286
	Jiridah „	41	.....	.....	41	.....	94	121	.....	228	443
	Serampore „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	4
	Total ...	651	.....	2,333	2,984	1,223	2,410	151	.....	3,949	7,733
Manbhoom...	Noaghur estate	214	.....	.....	214	.....	34	9	.....	.....	43
	Hatras „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	11
	Total ...	214	.....	.....	214	.....	45	9	.....	.....	54
Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore estate ...	304	17,298	.....	17,602	.....	1,407	478	.....	7,098	8,983
	Pungri estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Deogaon „	173	.....	636	809	.....	369	.....	.....	96	465
	Total ...	477	17,298	636	18,411	.....	1,776	478	.....	7,194	9,448
Singbhoom ...	Wards' estates	82	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....
	Grand Total ...	1,23,980	17,298	24,282	1,65,560	11,248	31,158	19,959	5,472	22,748	90,585

STATEMENT K.

K.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the Amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1880.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	3,807	2,563	902	505	326	253	4,312	2,889	1,153
		Total ...	3,807	2,563	902	505	326	253	4,312	2,889	1,153
	Bankoora ...	Supur estate*	132	5	2	31	.....	21	163	5	23
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapal estate ...	.....	... ...	.....	685	102	24	685	102	24
		Tarkua ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nischinta ,, ...	23,527	1,319	459	282	670	418	23,809	1,989	877
		Jhararam ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jambuni ,, ...	32	6	39	.....	2	19	32	8	58
		Beluria ,, ...	370	54	338	1,319	44	11	1,689	98	349
		Moisadal ,, ..	49,015	14,727	3,636	2,077	1,369	422	51,092	16,096	4,058
		Khetrahat ...	.....	.....	.....	675	53	107	675	53	107
		Total ...	72,944	16,106	4,472	5,038	2,240	1,001	77,982	18,346	5,473
Presidency.	Jessore ...	Bagchur estate ...	3,626	974	464	855	283	177	4,481	1,257	641
		Narail ,, ...					Not received.				
		Ramnuggur ,, ...	10,971	5,095	2,913	9,864	1,886	3,997	20,835	6,981	6,910
		Total ...	14,597	6,069	3,377	10,719	2,169	4,174	25,316	8,238	7,551
	Moorshedabad ...	Nushipore estate ... (mal.)	2,653	1,995	149	3,099	414	911	5,754	2,409	1,060
		Nushipore ,, (debutter.)	.....	.....	.....	10	1	4	10	1	4
		Byashpore ,, ...	530	112	103	.....	.....	.....	530	112	103
		K. D. Banerjee estate (Sydabad.)	390	149	82	35	6	10	425	155	92
		Choan estate ...	583a	5	29b	.....	.....	.....	583	5	9
		Cossim Bazar ,, ...	2	1	1	.....	.....	10	2	1	11
		Total ...	4,160	2,262	364	3,144	421	935	7,304	2,683	1,299
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	8,434	951	934	9,650	1,578	1,909	18,084	2,529	2,843
	24-Pergunnahs ...	Halishahar estate ...	.....	.....	.....	197	79	402	197	79	402
		Paikpara ,, ...					Not received.				
		Bawali ,, ...	1,134	34	423	.....	23	125	1,134	57	548
		Satkhira ,, ...	69,675	38,106	15,644	14,788	695	185	84,463	38,801	15,829
		Burranagore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	9,171	2,603	978	9,171	2,603	978
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	2,860	268	299	114	8	.....	2,974	276	299
		Ditto attached estate.	1,442	60	120	1,201	24	38	2,643	84	158
		Total ...	75,111	38,468	16,486	25,471	3,432	1,728	1,00,582	41,900	18,214
Rajshahye.	Dinagepore ...	Churamun estate ...	732	31	60	481	.....	11	1,213	31	71
		Huzrutpore ,, ...	9	4	2	.....	.....	.....	9	4	2
		Kolunderpore ,, ...	870	253	158	273	2	.....	1,143	255	158
		Sunkerpore ,, ...	1,041	1,207	1,128	.....	436	107	1,041	1,643	1,235
		Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	2,652	1,495	1,348	754	438	118	3,406	1,933	1,466
	Rungpore ...	Panga estate ...	5,500	37	376	1,002	45	183	6,502	82	559
		Kamurpukur ,, ...	1,398	51	22	.....	40	171	1,398	91	193
		Total ...	6,898	88	398	1,002	85	354	7,900	173	752
	Rajshahye ...	Chowgong estate ...	1,355†	196†	90†	5,744	230	53	7,099	426	148
		Gobindpore ,, ...	36	13	14	.....	.....	.....	36	13	14
		Nawapara ,, ...	72	18	13	.....	8	.....	72	26	13
		Mainam ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	319	31	66	319	31	66
		Pooteah ,, ...	2,634	57	274	242	91	90	2,876	148	364
		Tahirpore ,, ...	18,676	2,321	338	1,157	486	105	19,833	2,807	443
		Total ...	22,773	2,605	729	7,462	846	314	30,235	3,451	1,043
	Julpigori ...	Cooch Behar estate ...	17,661	7,112	9,764	27,726	9,554	9,721	45,387	16,666	19,485

* Transferred from Manbhoom.

(*a*)—The difference of one rupee with the balance shown in last year's statement

(*b*)— Ditto is due to the reduction made on account of cost due

† These figures do not tally with those shown in column 7 of last year's

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was Outstanding on the 1st April 1881.

Realized during 1880-81.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
592	415	227	3,720	2,474	928	6	1	6	3,714	2,473	922
592	415	227	3,720	2,474	928	6	1	6	3,714	2,473	922
39	1	4	124	4	19	.....	.....	.....	124	4	19
441	31	8	244	71	16	.....	.....	.....	244	71	16
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
765	90	127	23,044	1,899	750	163	.....	23	22,881	1,899	727
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1	.....	.....	31	8	58	.....	.....	.....	31	8	58
.....	.....	.....	1,689	98	349	370	54	338	1,319	44	11
3,517	684	1,467	47,575	15,412	2,591	2,899	219	.....	44,676	15,193	2,591
123	.....	.....	552	53	107	.....	.....	.....	552	53	107
4,847	805	1,602	73,135	17,541	3,871	3,432	273	361	69,703	17,268	3,510
2,878	197	211	1,603	1,060	430	.....	.....	.....	1,603	1,060	430
9,818	1,675	3,696	11,017	Not received. 5,306	3,214	1,364	613	312	9,653	4,693	2,902
12,696	1,872	3,907	12,620	6,366	3,644	1,364	613	312	11,256	5,753	3,332
1,875	126	431	3,879	2,283	629	1,511	814	100	2,368	1,469	529
.....	.....	.....	10	1	4	.....	.....	.....	10	1	4
1	.....	.....	529	112	103	381	50	85	148	62	18
25	13	20	400	142	72	354	136	62	46	6	10
580	2	5	3	3	24	3	3	24	.....	.....	.....
2	1	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,483	142	467	4,821	2,541	832	2,249	1,003	271	2,572	1,538	561
12,533	1,309	1,491	5,551	1,220	1,352	.....	.....	.....	5,551	1,220	1,352
84	59	299	113	20	103	.....	.....	.....	113	20	103
233	.....	34	901	Not received. 57	514	.....	.....	.....	901	57	514
26,106	5,101	1,893	58,357	33,700	13,936	1,612	525	381	56,745	33,175	13,555
307	47	48	8,864	2,556	930	.....	.....	.....	8,864	2,556	930
116	94	180	2,858	182	119	.....	.....	.....	2,858	182	119
1,445	39	68	1,198	45	90	.....	.....	.....	1,198	45	90
28,291	5,340	2,522	72,291	36,560	15,692	1,612	525	381	70,679	36,035	15,311
673	26	67	540	5	4	.....	.....	.....	540	5	4
9	4	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	5	.....	1,143	250	158	.....	.....	.....	1,143	250	158
813	818	353	228	825	882	44	19	77	184	806	805
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,495	853	422	1,911	1,080	1,044	44	19	77	1,867	1,061	967
2,010	65	302	4,492	17	257	69	.....	4	4,423	17	253
452	44	72	946	47	121	.....	.....	.....	946	47	121
2,462	109	374	5,438	64	378	69	.....	4	5,369	64	374
81	69	24	7,018	357	119	.....	.....	.....	7,018	357	119
.....	.....	.....	36	13	14	.....	.....	.....	36	13	14
33	24	10	39	2	3	.....	.....	.....	39	2	3
.....	.....	.....	319	31	66	.....	.....	.....	319	31	66
321	37	92	2,555	111	272	9	3	49	2,546	108	223
1,762	14	58	18,071	2,793	385	805	99	60	17,266	2,694	325
2,197	144	184	28,038	3,307	859	814	102	109	27,224	3,205	750
11,586	7,448	7,674	33,801	9,218	11,811	5,556	3,896	5,263	28,245	5,322	6,548

is owing to omission of fractions.
to defendant Shyma Sundari Chowdrani by the estate as a set-off.
statement, and the Manager explains that the figures shown last year were not correct.

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1880.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dacca.	Dacca	Wards' estates ...	4,097	296	41	23	.....	21	4,120	296	62
	Furreedpore ...	Ward's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	70	26	48	70	26	48
	Mymensingh ...	Hur Gobind Lushker	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Juggut Kishore Acharjee.	6,576	2,772	8,353	.....	589	466	6,576	3,361	8,819
		Total ...	6,576	2,772	8,353	.....	589	466	6,576	3,361	8,819
	Backergunge...	Nocori Lall Chuckerbutty.	84	120	36	.....	4	.....	84	124	36
		Taruck Kumar Chuckerbutty and brothers.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nobo Durga Debia ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Juggut Narain Roy's...	.....	37	147	.....	13	23	.....	50	170
		Bepin Behary Dass ...	425	143	100	125	34	53	550	177	153
		Huro Kumar Dass ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	509	300	283	125	51	76	634	351	359
Chittagong.	Tipperah ...	Basarut Ali Chowdhry's estate.	8,269	6,747	1,342	3,785	830	350	12,054	7,577	1,692
		Total ..	8,269	6,747	1,342	3,785	830	350	12,054	7,577	1,692
	Chittagong ...	Hedait Ali Chowdhry	566	20	40	.....	6	62	566	26	102
		Amirunnissa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Romesh Chunder Chowdhry.	521	592	90	.....	84	100	521	676	190
		Magan Das Roy ...	1,627	161	170	1,001	135	170	2,628	296	340
		Nayantara's estate ...	5,672	900	1,405	.....	53	676	5,672	953	2,081
		Rajkisen Banerjee's estate.	822	29	77	64	40	110	886	69	187
		Fuzl Ahmed's estate ...	3,453	379	421	.....	.....	147	3,453	379	568
		Total ...	12,661	2,081	2,203	1,065	318	1,265	13,726	2,399	3,468
	Noakholly ...	Anunga Mohun Mozumdar.	876	167	402	24	35	51	900	202	453
		Ganga Churn Mozumdar.	.....	.....	.....	149	53	35	149	53	35
		Courjon estate ...	3,877	1,635	2,130	458	201	601	4,335	1,836	2,731
		Total ...	4,753	1,802	2,532	631	289	687	5,384	2,091	3,219
Patna.	Durbhunga ...	Nurhun estate ...	69,745	22,767	5,454	.....	.....	.....	69,745	22,767	5,454
		Total ...	69,745	22,767	5,454	.....	.....	.....	69,745	22,777	5,454
	Sarun	Wards' estates ...	58	19	5,151	.....	31	600	58	50	5,751
	Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh ...	3,867	370	118	.....	12	162	3,867	382	280
		Rughonundun Prosad	2,611	502	674	185	20	338	2,796	522	1,012
		Total ...	6,478	872	792	185	32	500	6,663	904	1,292
	Patna	Wards' estates ...	147	16	78	33	3	8	180	19	86
Bhagulpore.	Monghyr ...	Malpa estate ...	.....	.....	.....	...	213	1,860	.....	213	1,860
		Phulberiah „ ...	.....	.....	.....	1,225	2,110	732	1,225	2,110	732
		Chantham „ ...	.....	.....	.....	1,045	116	53	1,045	116	53
		Lalpore „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	2,270	2,439	2,645	2,270	2,439	2,645
	Purneah ...	Surjapore	808	538	355	478	.....	223	1,286	538	578
	Maldah ...	Chanchal estate ...	618	742	372	364	165	58	982	907	430
	Bhagulpore ...	Wards' estates ...	50	15	9	524	45	270	574	60	279
Orissa.	Cuttack ...	Kanika estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree ...	Wards' estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Noaghur estate ...	1,046	224	117	9	60	2	1,055	284	119
		Katras „ ...	1,117	87	4	.....	66	.....	1,117	153	4
		Total ...	2,163	311	121	9	126	2	2,172	437	123
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate	23,928*	4,761*	9,677*	43,388	5,161	22,934	67,316	9,922	32,611
		Pungri „ ...	2,400	1,777	904	.....	290	.....	2,400	2,067	904
		Deogaon „ ...	891	521	402	1,252	164	324	2,143	685	726
		Total ...	27,219	7,059	10,983	44,640	5,615	23,258	71,859	12,674	34,241
	Singbhoom ...	Wards' estates ...	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	82
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar „ ...	9,581	2,294	3,084	2,498	872	1,596	12,079	3,166	4,680
		Jiridah „ ...	227	46	129	.....	.....	.....	227	46	129
		Serampore „ ...	.....	.....	.....	641	57	70	641	57	70
		Total ...	9,808	2,340	3,213	3,139	929	1,666	12,947	3,269	4,879
		Grand Total ...	2,83,128	1,26,401	80,129	1,48,843	32,577	52,682	5,31,971	1,58,978	1,32,811

* The difference between these items and those shown in column 7

concluded.

Realized during 1880-81.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
6	.....	8	4,114	296	54	98	.....	.....	4,016	296	54
42	9	26	28	17	22	.....	.....	.....	28	17	22
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,915	630	4,578	3,661	2,731	4,241	.....	.....	.....	3,661	2,731	4,241
2,915	630	4,578	3,661	2,731	4,241	.....	.....	.....	3,661	2,731	4,241
.....	.....	.....	84	124	36	10	13	10	74	111	26
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	50	170	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	170
21	2	22	529	175	131	.....	.....	.....	529	175	131
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	2	22	613	349	337	10	13	10	603	336	327
4,041	682	829	8,013	6,895	863	.....	.....	.....	8,013	6,895	863
4,041	682	829	8,013	6,895	863	.....	.....	.....	8,013	6,895	863
198	10	82	368	16	20	.....	.....	.....	368	16	20
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
180	.....	80	341	676	110	.....	.....	.....	341	676	110
1,314	48	137	1,314	248	203	.....	.....	.....	1,314	248	203
924	62	306	4,748	891	1,775	.....	.....	.....	4,748	891	1,775
813	56	160	73	13	27	.....	.....	.....	73	13	27
409	10	81	3,044	369	487	.....	.....	.....	3,044	369	487
3,838	186	846	9,888	2,213	2,622	.....	.....	.....	9,888	2,213	2,622
208	35	35	692	167	418	.....	.....	.....	692	167	418
17	5	10	132	48	25	.....	.....	.....	132	48	25
1,270	507	1,079	3,065	1,329	1,652	1,521	826	937	1,544	503	715
1,495	547	1,124	3,889	1,544	2,095	1,521	826	937	2,368	718	1,158
.....	974	189	69,745	21,793	5,265	.....	.....	.....	69,745	21,793	5,265
.....	974	189	69,745	21,793	5,265	.....	.....	.....	69,745	21,793	5,265
.....	37	512	58	13	5,239	.....	.....	4,227	58	13	1,012
176	12	62	3,691	370	218	.....	.....	.....	3,691	370	218
341	20	82	2,455	502	930	.....	.....	.....	2,455	502	930
517	32	144	6,146	872	1,148	.....	.....	.....	6,146	872	1,148
146	8	8	34	11	78	.....	.....	.....	34	11	78
.....	.....	.....	.....	213	1,860	.....	.....	.....	.....	213	1,860
289	203	216	936	1,907	516	.....	.....	.....	936	1,907	516
182	5	53	863	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	863	111	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
471	208	269	1,799	2,231	2,376	.....	.....	.....	1,799	2,231	2,376
592	136	136	694	402	442	47	.....	46	647	402	396
409	294	255	573	613	175	219	71	98	354	542	77
125	28	.....	449	32	279	.....	.....	.....	449	32	279
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
152	11	51	903	273	68	.....	.....	.....	903	273	68
.....	.....	.....	1,117	153	4	.....	.....	.....	1,117	153	4
152	11	51	2,020	426	72	.....	.....	.....	2,020	426	72
13,493	2,624	1,484	53,824	7,298	31,127	7	2	6	53,816	7,296	31,121
.....	.....	.....	2,400	2,067	904	.....	.....	.....	2,400	2,067	904
606	106	97	1,537	579	629	290	.....	.....	1,247	579	629
14,099	2,730	1,581	57,761	9,944	32,660	297	2	6	57,463	9,942	32,654
.....	.....	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,853	380	703	10,220	2,786	3,977	6,479	1,252	794	3,741	1,534	3,183
28	7	6	199	39	123	.....	.....	.....	199	39	123
.....	.....	.....	641	57	70	.....	.....	.....	641	57	70
1,887	387	709	11,060	2,882	4,170	6,479	1,252	794	4,581	1,630	3,376
1,09,977	25,339	30,243	4,21,994	1,33,639	1,02,568	23,817	8,596	12,902	3,98,177	1,25,043	89,666

of last year's returns is owing to Rs. 38-10-7 being disallowed by the Court on appeal.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1870.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1880 to 31st March 1881.			Total.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	4,301	.....	54	519	.....	42	4,880	.....	96
	Bankoora	1,987	114	107	595	47	106	2,582	161	213
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	49	.....	.....
	Midnapore	5,854	.....	52	685	.....	58	6,539	.....	110
	Hooghly	1,597	.....	34	1,191	.....	73	2,698	.....	107
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	5,776	.....	286	1,818	.....	34	7,593	.....	320
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	35
	Jessore	729	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	1,229	.....	.....
	Moorshedabad	4,880	.....	59	1,839	.....	138	6,709	.....	197
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	634	.....	7	69	.....	25	703	.....	32
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	121	.....	.....	121	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	.....	211	.....	.....	425	.....	.....	636
	Julpigori	3,010	.....	.....	.....	.....	69	3,010	.....	69
Dacca	Dacca	4,619	.....	23	602	.....	122	5,221	.....	145
	Backergunge	797	.....	71	836	.....	26	1,633	.....	97
	Mymensingh	608	.....	20	374	.....	13	982	.....	33
	Furreedpore	1,568	.....	5	143	.....	2	1,711	.....	7
Chittagong	Tipperah	983*a*	.....	28	3,466	.....	22	4,449	.....	50
	Noakholly	.....	.....	1,740*b*	.....	.....	325	.....	.....	2,065
	Chittagong	1,990	.....	110	157	.....	66	2,147	.....	176
Patna	Patna	.....	.....	.....	4,831	.....	.....	4,831	.....	.....
	Mozufferpore	842	.....	99	114	.....	93	956	.....	192
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	23	.....	5	23
	Gya	726	21	66	331	10	.....	1,057	31	66
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	144
	Shahabad	3,016	.....	.....	1,570	.....	45	4,586	.....	45
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	121	.....	10	121	.....	10
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	120	6	16	120	6	16
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	2,467	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	2,469	.....	81
	Balasore	83	.....	.....	44	.....	16	127	.....	16
	Pooree	1,392	.....	.....	225	.....	70	1,617	.....	70
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	746	106	4	.....	23	12	746	129	16
	Manbhoom	5,026	.....	91	244	.....	5	5,270	.....	96
	Total	53,602	241	3,201	20,614	91	1,962	74,216	332	5,163

(a)—The difference of Rs. 264 is owing to the fact that a civil suit was brought against a pauper debtor, as he did not act
(b)—This amount was by mistake entered in Statement C last year.
(c)—Transferred to Bankoora.

Government in Pauper Suits was Realized and what was Outstanding on the 1st April 1881.

Realized during 1880-81.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3,135	.....	96	1,745	.....	.....	487	.....	.....	1,258	.....	.....	54
504	.....	46	2,078	161	167	392	12	30	1,686	149	137	116
49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46
473	.....	26	6,066	.....	84	889	.....	6	5,177	.....	78	58
618	.....	50	2,080	.....	57	894	.....	13	1,186	.....	44	102
1,345	.....	176	6,248	.....	144	2,002	.....	.....	4,246	.....	144	90
.....	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56
316	.....	.....	913	.....	.....	452	.....	.....	461	.....	.....	57
321	.....	2	6,248	.....	195	4,401	.....	.....	2,047	.....	195	115
.....	.....	.....	703	.....	32	125	.....	.....	578	.....	32	32
40	.....	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	425	.....	.....	211	.....	.....	211	.....	.....	.....	.....
3,010	.....	69	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70
616	.....	36	4,695	.....	100	32	.....	.....	4,573	.....	100	155
15	.....	.....	1,618	.....	97	.....	.....	.....	1,618	.....	97	26
130	.....	.....	852	.....	33	315	.....	.....	537	.....	33	13
50	.....	5	1,652	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,652	.....	2	18
890	.....	34	3,559	.....	16	358	.....	16	3,201	.....	.....	27
.....	.....	31	.....	.....	1,984	.....	.....	1,549	.....	.....	435	23
185	.....	42	1,962	.....	134	.....	.....	17	1,962	.....	117	65
.....	.....	.....	4,631	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,631	.....	.....	.....
296	.....	.....	661	.....	192	.....	.....	.....	661	.....	192	10
.....	5	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
.....	.....	.....	1,057	31	66	.....	.....	.....	1,057	31	66	8
.....	.....	92	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	21	113
173	.....	45	4,413	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,413	.....	.....	58
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
45	.....	10	76	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	76	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	120	6	16	.....	.....	.....	120	6	16	1
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
35	.....	.....	2,434	.....	81	1,351	.....	81	1,083	.....	.....	6
26	.....	16	101	.....	.....	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
551	.....	70	1,066	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,066	.....	.....	37
14	.....	.....	732	129	16	700	126	3	32	3	13	.....
218	.....	8	5,052	.....	88	314c	.....	15c	4,738	.....	73	9
13,063	5	1,387	61,153	327	3,776	12,813	138	1,972	48,340	189	1,804	1,369

up to the terms of the instalment bond executed by him.

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RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Dated Darjeeling, the 3rd August 1881.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil litigation of Government during the year 1880-81.

Read again—

The Report for the preceding year and the orders of Government thereon.

Five appeals, instituted during 1879-80, were pending in the Privy Council at the commencement of the year, and during it four were instituted. Of the nine appeals one only was decided, the petitioner's appeal being rejected; the remaining cases were pending at the close of the year.

2. The leading statistical data connected with the disposal of civil suits in which Government was concerned during the past three years are given in the following table:—

Cases.		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Before the High Court.				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	37	14	13
	Ditto against Government ...	5	3	3
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	5	.....	5
	Total ...	47	17	21
Before Lower Courts				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	29	31	21
	Ditto against Government ...	9	277	4
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	4	4	3
	Total ...	42	312	28
Original cases	Decided in favour of Government ...	787	334	1,742
	Ditto against Government ...	61	26	203
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	15	31	100
	Total ...	863	391	2,045
Total ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	853	379	1,776
	Ditto against Government ...	75	306	210
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	24	35	108
	GRAND TOTAL ...	952	720	2,094

3. The great increase is attributed to the large number of cases instituted during the year in the district of Midnapore by the ryots of Majnamoota and Jellamoota for the purpose of contesting the enhancement of their rents.

In almost all these suits the cases were decided in favour of Government; of the 210 decided against Government, 160 were cases in which the ryots got only partial decrees, the Collector's demand on *bastu* land being reduced; while out of the 108 cases compromised or withdrawn, 70 were withdrawn by the ryots, costs being in some cases allowed to Government.

Deducting the cases which were compromised, remanded, or withdrawn, the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government was 89 in the year under review against 55 in 1879-80, and 92 in the year which preceded it.

4. In consequence of the appeal in the case of Government *versus* Jogendro Chunder Ghose having been dismissed by the High Court, the whole

of the Dantbhanga mehal in the 24-Pergunnahs has been restored to the original proprietors.

In another suit brought by Government to recover possession of 2,195 bighas of land in Rajshahye, alleged to have been alluvial re-formation on site originally appertaining to estates which had been resumed by Government, a decree in favour of Government was given; the High Court, however, on appeal found that the land was an alluvial accretion to the estate of the appellants, and that Government had no right to it as proprietor, and reversed the judgment of the lower court.

5. Out of the 203 original cases decided against Government, 160 cases were, as has been observed, suits brought by the Midnapore ryots. In these cases the loss to Government amounted only to Rs. 300. None of the other original cases decided against Government call for any special remarks.

6. The result of litigation in which the Court of Wards was interested during the three past years was as follows:—

		1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	4,514	3,409	1.375
Ditto against ditto ditto	...	289	263	112
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	113	132	66
Total	...	4,916	3,804	1,553

The Legal Remembrancer explains that "the decrease is owing to several estates having gone out of the hands of the Court of Wards during the year, especially the two big estates, Raj Durbhunga and Chuckdighee, whose litigation was by far greater than any estate now in the hands of the Court of Wards." The Durbhunga Estate was withdrawn in 1879-80, but the effect on the number of suits has been most marked in the year under report, as, during about half the year 1879-80, the estate was under the Court of Wards.

Most if not all the appeals before the High Court, and many of those before the lower courts, related to cases originally decided during the years which preceded the withdrawal of the estates to which the Legal Remembrancer refers, and the most marked diminution in 1880-81 was therefore in the number of original cases, the reduction in which amounted to 60 per cent., while that in appeals in the lower courts was only 46 per cent. The following table gives the figures for the last two years:—

	1879-80.			1880-81.		
	Appeals before the High Court.	Appeals before Lower Courts.	Original cases.	Appeals before the High Court.	Appeals before Lower Courts.	Original cases.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	26	72	3,311	20	54	1,301
Ditto against ditto ditto	6	45	212	3	11	98
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	5	11	116	11	4	51
Total ...	37	128	3,639	34	69	1,450

Of the 112 cases decided against the Court of Wards the greater number were rent suits, or suits which, under the rules, do not require to be reported to the Legal Remembrancer, and none of the cases were of any special importance.

7. The total demand on account of Government decrees amounted to Rs. 7,10,495, and out of this Rs. 39,953 or 5·6 per cent. was realized. Nothing was realized during the year on account of the Port Canning Municipal decrees, and deducting the sum of Rs. 5,71,644 due on this account from the total demand, the realizations of Rs. 39,953 out of Rs. 1,38,851 amounted to 28·75 per cent. against a realization of 13 per cent. in the preceding year, and 43·5 per cent. in 1878-79. The largest outstanding balances at the close of the year were in Beerbhoom, Gya and Manbhoom. In Beerbhoom two decrees, amounting to Rs. 6,917 out of a total balance of Rs. 7,579, have been found to be irrecoverable, and have been recommended for remission by the local officers.

The total balance due on account of decrees in favour of Wards' estates was Rs. 8,23,760 against Rs. 8,54,813 in the preceding year. Out of this amount Rs. 1,65,559, or 20 per cent. was realized, against Rs. 1,85,539, or 21·5 per cent., in 1879-80.

The outstanding amount is very heavy, the largest balances being in the following districts, against each of which the amount unrealized is shown :—

	Rs.
24-Pergunnahs	1,22,025
Lohardugga	1,00,059
Durbhunga	96,803
Midnapore	90,481

The attention of the local officers has, the Lieutenant-Governor observes, been drawn to the subject.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

HORACE A. COCKERELL,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 3235J.

Copy forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

W. DUNBAR BLYTH,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

Calcutta,
The 8th August 1881.

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REPORT

THE LEGAL AFFAIRS

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FOR THE YEAR

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FROM T. T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 11th July 1882.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal a report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the official year 1881-82.

Appeal pending on the 31st March 1881.

1. Ramlall Mookerjee *versus* Government.
2. Government *versus* Gozendro Narain Roy.
3. Rajah Nilmoney Singh *versus* Government.
4. Puddokumari *versus* Juggut Kishore Acharjia, minor.
5. Rajah Udoy Addittya Deb, under the Court of Wards, *versus* Jadub Lall Adittya.
6. Omrao Begum *versus* Government.
7. Tarukeshhur Roy *versus* Soshishekhureshur Roy, minor.
8. Soshishekhureshur Roy *versus* Tarukeshhur Roy, by his mother, Soudamini Debi.

Instituted during the year 1881-82.

9. Hurdeynarain *versus* Rudro Prohast Misser, minor.

2. There were eight appeals pending in the Privy Council at the close of the last year and one was instituted during the year under review, making a total of nine cases, as shown in the margin. Five out of these nine appeals were decided during the year, viz., the appeal of Ramlall Mookerjee was dismissed and the costs due to Government were fully realized; the appeal of Government in case No. 2 against Gozendro Narain was decreed and the decree has been sent to the District Court for execution; the appeal of Puddocoomaree was dismissed, but the Privy Council decided in this case that Gogan Chunder, one of the respondents in the appeal, has a preferential claim to the property to anybody else; and the appeals of Rajah Udoy Adittya Deb and Nilmony Singh were dismissed. The appeal cases of Tarukeshhur Roy *versus* Soshishekhureshur Roy and *vice versa* are no longer under my control. The senior branch of the Taherpore estate has been released from custody of the Court of Wards and the mother of the minor ward of the junior branch has been all along conducting the case on her son's behalf.

3. Practically, therefore, there are only two cases now pending in the Privy Council. The papers in the last case have not yet been printed and transmitted to the Privy Council.

4. The result of civil litigation in all the courts of Bengal in which Government was a party, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Government ...	379	1,776	1,109
Decided against Government ...	306	210	447
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn...	35	108	260
Percentage in favour of Government ...	55	89	71

5. The decrease in the percentage is due to 138 cases in which the ryots of Midnapore contested the enhancement of rents, and in which the Court disallowed our demand of rent for bastu lands and gave partial decrees to plaintiffs having been shown as decided against Government; and is also owing to 196 cases at Mozufferpore, in which we sued for arrears of rent at enhanced rates, having been dismissed for certain irregularity in the service of notices. If the 138 cases of Midnapore, which were partially decided in our favour, were classed among the favourable ones the percentage would be more than 80.

6. The result of Government litigation in the High Court, as compared with the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Government ...	14	13	4
Decided against Government ...	3	3	2
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	...	5	1
Percentage in favour of Government ...	82	81	67

7. The number of cases in which Government was concerned decided by the High Court during the last year is less than the number decided by that Court during any one of the last 20 years.

8. Of the two cases decided adversely to Government during the year under review one was important. It was the case of Radhapersad Wasti *versus* Government which we lost in the lower court and referred to in paragraph 13 of my report for 1879-80. In appeal to the High Court we contended that the plaintiffs were under-tenants within the meaning of the Rent Law, and consequently their rent was enhancible by notice under section 15, and if they were not under-tenants they were tenants, and consequently apart from the Rent Law the Government had a right to assess them at a fair rent or else to eject them from the tenure. But the High Court held that as the plaintiffs paid rent direct to Government they were not under-tenants within the meaning of the Rent Law, and considering the legal duration of the plaintiff's interest in the taluk it agreed entirely with the lower court in thinking that Government were not entitled to enhance the rent of the plaintiff's tenure, and accordingly dismissed our appeal. In coming to this conclusion it was, however, said that "it might be that plaintiff's interest was a mere tenancy-at-will or from year to year, and the Government might terminate it by a proper notice; and if so, they would then probably be in a position to make fresh terms with the plaintiffs as regards increased rent."

As the question of title was left open, no appeal was filed to the Privy Council. The unsuccessful termination of this suit has led to much litigation in the mofussil. The ryots of several Government estates in Noakholly upon whom were served notices of enhancement have brought suits contesting our rights to enhance, and we were obliged to compromise a large number of these suits by accepting a lower rate of rent than was assessed, but higher than that paid before.

9. This is one of the 19 cases lost in the Patna district in 1880-81, and is referred to in paragraph 12 of my report of last year. It arose out of the proceedings of the District Judge of Patna under the Land Acquisition Act. We appealed this case on the ground that the Judge in determining the market value of the land had departed from the principle upon which such valuations are ordinarily effected, and that in the absence of satisfactory evidence as to the exact selling price of land in the neighbourhood, the Judge should have followed the plan adopted by the assessors. The High Court, however, found that there was sufficient evidence in the record to enable the Judge to come to the conclusion he arrived at, and accordingly dismissed our appeal.

Secretary of State, appellant, *versus* Behari Lal, respondent.

10. The following is a comparative statement of Government litigation in the lower appellate court:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Government	31	21	28
Decided aga nst Government	277	4	5
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	4	3	2
Percentage in favour of Government ...	10	84	85

11. The details of the five cases decided against Government by the lower appellate court are as follows:—

12. In this case plaintiff sued to recover possession of some 47 bighas of land after setting aside the order of the Settlement Deputy Collector on the ground that the lands formed a part of their resumed lakheraj mehal in pergunnah Majnamutta. We contended that after the abolition of the salt agency in 1863, the land in dispute was made over to the possession of the zemindars of Majnamutta, who settled it

Midnapore.

Durga Prasad Pahari and others, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Secretary of State for India in Council and others, defendants, respondents.

with the co-defendants, and the Settlement Deputy Collector, finding them in possession, settled it with them in 1876 under the provisions of Regulation VII of 1822. We also pleaded limitation, as the plaintiffs or their predecessors, the alleged vendors, were not in possession within 12 years of the suit, and that it was also barred as a *res-judicata*. The munsif dismissed the suit on the ground of limitation. The plaintiffs appealed against this decision, and the Subordinate Judge found it proved by the plaintiffs that they were in possession of the disputed land at the time of settlement, and consequently their suit was not barred. He reversed the munsif's order, and decreed the suit, setting aside the Deputy Collector's order. Against this decision we have filed a second appeal to the High Court, which is now pending.

13. This case was decided against us by the munsif, as reported in paragraph 12 of my last year's report. The Judge on appeal agreed with the munsif in his finding that the rent of the defendant's tenure remained unchanged since the permanent settlement, and was not therefore liable to enhancement. The local officers were for filing a second appeal, but as the Government officers in 1845, by confirming the defendant in the holding at the old nominal rent, gave him to expect that the auction purchaser of the zemindari was in no way to injure him, and as the view taken by the Judge was as likely to be upheld as not, I considered it not advisable to file a second appeal.

Secretary of State for India in Council, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Boicunto Nath Chowdhury, defendant, respondent.

14. In this case the plaintiffs sued to recover possession of certain land which was sold under the certificate procedure on the misrepresentation of the co-defendant's agent that the land in suit was in arrear, and that no notice was served on him under the law. The munsif dismissed the plaintiff's suit, but on appeal the lower court's order was reversed, and the plaintiff's suit decreed. Nothing was heard from the local officers with regard to this case after the written statement had been approved by this office.

Ramprosad Gunia and another *versus* Government and others.

15. This is one of the two cases which was brought to set aside the sale of a taluk on the ground of irregularity in the service of sale notices in the mofussil. It was decided against Government by the first court, and I reported it at page 6 of my last year's report. On appeal the Judge concurred with the finding of the munsif and dismissed the appeal. He, however, made the respondent bear his own costs. The result of this decision was not reported to this office, nor any recommendation made for filing a second appeal.

Chittagong.

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Ishanchunder Dass, plaintiff, respondent.

16. In this case plaintiff sued to obtain possession of certain lands which he was in possession of by purchase from one Mr. Graham, Manager of the Nathpore Indigo Company, but was dispossessed of by the defendants in 1284. We contended that a greater portion of the land in dispute appertained to Government khas mehal Chur Selli, and the rest was not in possession of the plaintiff, that the boundaries given in the plaint was uncertain, and his claim was barred by limitation. The munsif deputed an ameen to make a local investigation, who reported the boundaries to be fairly certain and that three-fourths of the land was comprised in the Government khas chur, and accordingly the munsif gave the plaintiff a partial decree, but without costs. The plaintiffs, dissatisfied with this judgment, preferred an appeal to the District Judge, who believed the plaintiff's witnesses and gave them preference. He also rejected the maps filed by us as not proved, and partially decreed the appeal with costs, which are to be paid by the 36 respondents.

Dacca.

Peary Mohun Ghosal, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government and 35 others, defendants, respondents.

17. The result of original cases of Government as compared with the result of the two previous years is as follows :—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Government ...	334	1,742	1,077
Decided against Government ...	26	203	440
Compromised or withdrawn ...	31	100	287
Percentage in favour of Government ...	92	89	70

18. The decrease in the percentage is due to causes already explained in paragraph 5 of this report, and if the 138 cases at Midnapore, which were decided partially in our favour, were classed as such instead of as adverse to Government the percentage would be 80.

19. Deducting the above 138 cases of Midnapore and 196 cases of Mozufferpore, of which we have filed appeals, and which are now pending before the District Judge, there remain 106 cases out of 440 cases shown as decided against Government to be accounted for, and the following is a short account of them.

Noakholly—31 cases.

20. These suits were brought by the ryots of Government khas mehal, chur, Luksmi, and Badu, contesting the right of Government to enhance the rent of their howla. Our reply was that the howla mentioned by the plaintiff was a ghair mokoraree tenure, and had been created by the ijardar to whom the mehal was let out for a term of years, and that the jummabundi had been duly made and published. Several other suits of a similar nature were brought by the ryots, but they came to terms with Government, and their cases were compromised. But in these 31 cases the munsif decreed their suits, fixing their rents at lower rates than those claimed by us and agreed to by other ryots. We have filed appeals against the munsif's decision.

Tipperah—15 cases.

21. Out of these 15 cases, 14 were suits to obtain release from the enhancement of rent made under Act VII of 1868. We denied the plaintiff's allegation that they held the tenure from before the permanent settlement. The munsif, however, decreed the plaintiff's suit, and no appeal was filed. These cases do not appear to have been reported to our office.

The other was a case for compensation for land taken up for public purposes. The putnidar claimed the whole amount of compensation, but we could not pay him without the determination of his title. The Court, however, declared that he was entitled to the whole amount.

Gya—19 cases.

22. These are suits for compensation under Act X of 1870 for land taken in village Shibnugger for the Sone canal. The claimants, dissatisfied with the Collector's offer, brought these suits, and the Judge decided the cases in plaintiffs' favour.

Patna—25 cases.

23. These are also land acquisition cases. The claimants having refused to accept the Collector's offer, were referred to the Judge, who awarded a larger amount of compensation than was offered by the Collector.

Pubna—4 cases.

24. In two of these cases Saroda Prasad Ganguly sued for determination of his right to, and for recovery of, possession of certain lands on the ground of reformation *in situ*. In one he claimed 1,114 bighas, out of which he got a decree for 237 bighas only, and the rest of his claim was dismissed with proportionate costs. Against this decision he has preferred an appeal to the High Court, and we have also filed a cross appeal, both of which are now pending. In the other case he claimed 336 bighas, and the Court found that the plaintiff's suit was not barred, as the possession of Government was not adverse to the plaintiffs, who were paying Government revenue for the mehal, and decreed the suit.

25. The other cases are of no special interest, and call for no detailed notice. In many cases Government appeared rather as a formal defendant than as having any valuable rights to maintain against the claimants.

26. The result of wards' litigation in all the courts of Bengal, as compared with the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	3,409	1,375	1,862
Ditto against ditto ...	263	112	90
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	132	66	46
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	93	92	95

27. The increase is owing to a large number of rent-suits having been instituted and decided during the year at Julpigoree, Hazaribagh, and Rungpore.

28. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the High Court, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	26	20	22
Ditto against ditto ...	6	3	4
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	5	11	8
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	81	87	84

29. One of the four cases decided against the Court of Wards, involves a question of considerable importance as to the nature of "*putro putradik jagir tenures*" in Chota Nagpore, *i.e.*, tenures where the grantor has a right of re-entry on failure of male heirs of the original grantee.

The facts of this case are, one purohit Gobind Ram brought a suit in the court of the Deputy Commissioner of Lohardugga against (1) Gopal Sing, and (2) Bhupal Sing, and (3) Gopal Nath Tewari whose estate is under the Court of Wards, for khas possession of villages Duranda, Usli, and Dakhili. He states that the said village is the ancestral "putro putradik jagir" of defendants 1 and 2 from the Maharaja of Chota Nagpore. It was sold for arrears of rent, and was purchased by one Bhugwan Sahoy, who again sold his right and title in the said village to the plaintiff for Rs. 6,000. That after the purchase he (plaintiff) brought two rent-suits, but the defendant No. 3 intervened stating that he held possession of the village under a mocurruri title from defendants 1 and 2, and the Revenue Court without adjudicating upon the question of title dismissed his suits, which order was upheld in appeal, and hence his cause of action.

The Deputy Commissioner dismissed the plaintiff's suit on the ground that "putro putradik jagir" tenures could not be sold under the provisions of Act VIII (B.C.) of 1865, and that the provisions of Act I (B.C.) of 1879 applied to this case. On appeal, the High Court held that the Act VIII (B.C.) of 1865 was in force in 1881, and had come into force in the usual way of taking effect as soon as it was passed. It also held that the tenure in question is a transferrable one by the custom of the country, and accordingly set aside the lower court's order, and decreed the appeal.

30. The dispute in this case is that the plaintiff claimed certain plots of land as reformations to his mouzah, whereas the defendants claimed the same land as accretions to and reformations on the site of their own mouzah. The Subordinate Judge found, in accordance with the ameen's report, that the lands in question before diluvion belonged to the plaintiff's mouzah, and were measured as part of it in the Government survey map of 1848. The High Court agreed entirely with this finding of fact, and dismissed our appeal.

Abdul Salem, minor, under the Court of Wards and others, defendants, appellants, *versus* Roy Soorjo Kant Acharjee Bahadoor, plaintiff, respondent.

31. These two are special appeals, and were preferred before the estate came under the Court of Wards. The dispute was regarding arrears of rent.

A. N. Roy, minor, under the Court of Wards, appellant, *versus* Sheik Torab and others. Ditto *versus* Lal Mahomed and others.

32. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the Lower Appellate Court:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	72	54	36
Ditto against ditto ditto ...	45	11	27
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	11	4	1
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	61	83	57

33. The decrease in the percentage is due chiefly to nine appeals being decided against the Court of Wards at Rungpore. These are rent-suit appeals, and were conducted by the manager both in the First Court and in the Lower Appellate Court without reference to this office. But under the rules they are not required to be reported to the Legal Remembrancer. The other 18 appeals were also not reported to this office. In two only the grounds of appeal were sent to this office, but not in time to admit of their being considered and when the appeals were already filed on the Collector's own responsibility.

34. The result of original cases of Court of Wards is as follows :—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	3,311	1,301	1,804
Ditto against ditto ditto ...	212	98	59
Compromised or withdrawn	116	51	37
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	94	93	97

35. Of the 59 cases decided against the Court of Wards, 40 are suits for recovery of arrears of rent and for recovery of the price of paddy advanced, or suits of a small cause court nature, and which were not reported to this office. The remaining 19 are civil suits, but six of which were not reported being free from any question of law. The following is a brief history of some of the cases that have been reported to this office :—

Midnapore.
Her Highness the Moharanee of Burdwan *versus* Eshur Persad Gurgo and others, minors.

36. The plaintiff in this case claimed Rs. 1,062 as wasilut of 172 bigas of land decreed to her in a former suit. We admitted her claim to the extent of Rs. 399 for 143 bigas, but the court gave her a decree for Rs. 422 for 162 bigas.

24-Pergunnahs.
Monohur Doss *versus* Radha Benode Mundle and others, minors. The Bowoli estate.

37. This is a suit for recovery of Rs. 15,000 on account of mesne profits of a certain plot of land from which the plaintiff was dispossessed by the defendant. Our objection was that the amount claimed was excessive, and the court gave a modified decree for Rs. 432 only with costs, but no costs were allowed to the Court of Wards.

Chittagong.
Srimuttee Ful Bibee *versus* Srimuttee Nyan Tara, minor.

38. This is a suit to set aside the sale in execution of a certificate on the ground of irregularity in publishing and conducting the sale, and for which the plaintiff was greatly damaged. The court found that there was great irregularity in publishing the sale notices, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's suit.

Patna.
Three cases of Mahomed Saleh *versus* Debi Prosad, lunatic.

39. These suits were brought by the plaintiff to recover from the co-sharer the excess amount of Government revenue paid by him. The cases were first dismissed on the 31st January 1877, which order was upheld on appeal by the Judge on the 18th September 1878 ; but on special appeal the High Court remanded the cases to the first court on the 4th June 1880. Now the Moonsiff has given a modified decree to the plaintiff in all the three cases to the extent of Rs. 10 only. The other cases are not of any importance.

40. The following is the result of Government decrees recovered during the year as compared with the two previous years :—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	6,74,790	7,10,495	7,10,934
Realized during the year ...	30,340	39,953	53,197
Percentage of recovery ...	4½	5⅝	7½

41. Deducting the outstanding decrees of the Canning Municipal Estate, there is a balance of about Rs. 60,000 at the close of the year, of which the heaviest balances are from the following districts :—

Beerbhoom, Rs. 7,924.—Out of this amount Rs. 6,587 and Rs. 718 are due from Ram Nath Sircar and Golap Lall Sircar, against whom writs of arrest were issued, but they could not be found. All the property of Ram Nath are benamee in the name of his son who succeeded lately in a claim case, and the Collector recommends that a regular suit be instituted. The remainder is being realized by instalments.

Bancoorah, Rs. 4,104.—Out of this Rs. 2,648 are due from one Ashootosh Ghose, who has appealed to the High Court, and pending the disposal of the appeal, the amount could not be realized. Rs. 1,054 due from Akhoy Roy, whose property being attached, several claims have been preferred which have not been disposed of yet. The remainder is being realized by instalments.

Gya, Rs. 13,426.—Out of this amount Rs. 12,272 are due from one Biharee Saboo, and all attempts to realize the decree from him have failed; the judgment-debtor having no property.

The following is the result of wards' decrees recovered during the year as compared with that of the two preceding years:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	8,54,818	8,23,760	9,25,420
Realized during the year ...	1,85,539	1,65,559	2,66,941
Percentage of recovery ...	21½	20	28⅘

Although the percentage of recovery is little better than before, yet it is not so satisfactory as it should be.

The heaviest balances are in the following districts:—

	Rs.
Midnapore—	
Moisadul Estate	62,581
Jessore—	
Narail Estate	84,891
24-*Pergunnahs*—	
Satkhira Estate	77,214
Mymensing—	
Juggut Kishore Acharjee's Estate	13,659
Durbhunga—	
Nurhan Estate	45,249
Lohardugga—	
Chota Nagpore Estate	45,607

A major portion of these outstanding balances are bad and irrecoverable. This is owing chiefly to injudicious resort to litigation on the part of the managers. They generally go into court with their jumawasil-baki papers without enquiring into the circumstances of the parties whom they are suing, and when they get *ex parte* decrees, they find that their judgment-debtors are paupers.

I was in charge of the office from the beginning of the year to the 2nd December 1881 and from 1st January 1882 to the close of the year under report. From 3rd to 31st December 1881 Mr. O'Kinealy had charge of the office.

The following changes occurred in the office of District Government Pleaders during the year under review:—

Baboo Mohendro Nath Sanyal, B L., was appointed Government Pleader of Rajshahye in the place of Baboo Nulit Chunder Sen deceased, 27th April 1881; Baboo Avinash Chunder Ghose, B.L., has been appointed Government Pleader of Shahabad in the place of Baboo Koilash Chunder Banerjee resigned, 21st June 1881; Baboo Bhuvan Mohun Sanyal, B.L., has been appointed Government Pleader of Purneah in the place of Mr. Deverine deceased, 7th February 1882; Baboo Mohendro Nath Banerjee has been appointed Junior Government Pleader and Public Prosecutor of Bhagulpore to conduct criminal cases, 22nd December 1881.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Offg. Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised or remanded.	

(2.) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	2	.....	.....	1	2,100	.....	.....	1	750
Zillah appeals	670	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	670	17,273
Original suits	1,208	801	22,414	164	10,612	218	18,662	25	1,171
Total ...	1,880	801	22,414	165	12,712	218	18,662	696	29,194

(3.) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	2	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	112
Zillah appeals	6	2	975	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2,194
Original suits	16	12	3,017	3	232	1	550	.....	.....
Total ...	24	15	4,092	3	232	1	550	5	2,306

(4.) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	3	1	60	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	38
Original suits	35	17	2,834	2	199	.....	.....	16	26,849
Total ...	38	18	2,894	2	199	.....	.....	18	26,887

(5.) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by, or escheated to Government.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	1	5,500	.....	.....	1	49	.....	.....
Total ...	2	1	5,500	.....	.....	1	49	.....	.....

(6.) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7.) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c., &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,032
Original suits	3	3	1,465	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	7	3	1,465	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	1,032

(8.) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	53
Zillah appeals	2	1	92	.....	.....	1	53	.....	.....
Original suits	276	138	3,033	14	293	4	1,363	120	25,640
Total ...	279	139	3,125	14	293	5	1,416	121	25,693

(9.) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property or purchase-money.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	666
Zillah appeals	3	2	902	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	47
Original suits	53	25	14,497	2	6,079	.....	.....	26	13,151
Total ...	57	27	15,399	2	6,079	.....	.....	28	13,864

(10.) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents, or bond debts.

High Court	14	2	20,076	.....	.....	1	11,400	11	1,72,139
Zillah appeals	25	11	7,355	3	375	1	49	10	4,916
Original suits	70	30	84,752	8	15,317	11	11,997	21	44,810
Total ...	109	43	1,12,183	11	15,692	13	23,446	42	2,21,865

(11.) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro forma*.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official Acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised or remanded.	

(2.) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	81,842
Zillah appeals	9	1	210	1	250	.....	.....	7	2,317
Original suits	22	13	1,55,843	3	1,91,347	.....	.....	6	1,09,979
Total ...	38	14	1,56,053	4	1,91,597	.....	.....	20	1,94,138

(3.) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	1	190	1	100	.....	.....	2	1,746
Total ...	4	1	190	1	100	.....	.....	2	1,746

(4.) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5.) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6.) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	1	229	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	21
Original suits	6	4	745	.....	.....	1	100	1	45
Total ...	8	5	974	.....	.....	1	100	2	66

(7.) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8.) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation, or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.

High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1,880
Zillah appeals	3	2	2,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,656
Original suits	1	.....	.....	1	1,656	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	6	2	2,700	1	1,656	.....	.....	3	3,536

(9.) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	4	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	229
Original suits	4	4	329	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	8	5	1,429	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	229

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.				Pending.	
		Favourable..		Unfavourable.		Compromised, remanded or withdrawn.	
	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
(2.) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	3	2	795	1	149	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	198	2	10	196	6,532	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	201	4	805	197	6,681	.....	.....	.....	.....
(3.) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	827	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	827	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(4.) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(5.) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	144	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(6.) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt.									
High Court	7	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	93,337
Zillah appeals		4	1,008	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2,874
Original suits	25	15	63,118	1	14	.....	.....	9	1,84,956
Total ...	40	20	64,626	1	14	.....	.....	19	2,81,167
(7.) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(8.) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.									
High Court	3	.....	.....	1	1,170	.....	.....	2	13,662
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	82	8	502	45	7,888	21	898	8	253
Total	85	8	502	46	9,058	21	898	10	13,915

D.

General abstract statement of suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1881-82.

1	ORIGINAL SUITS.											APPEAL SUITS.												REMARKS.
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1881.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								Pending on the 31st March 1882.	Number pending on the 31st March 1881.	Number instituted from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.										Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.	
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.						In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.		Remanded.				
				Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.				Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.			
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 11	28	39	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	7	32	2	
Bankoora ...	2	6	8	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	...	
Beerbhoom ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Burdwan ...	1	4	5	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	6	1	7	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	
Hooghly ...	...	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Midnapore ...	879	25	904	...	738	...	138	...	4	...	5	885	19	7	647	654	...	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	7	647	1	
Jessore ...	3	3	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Moorshedabad ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nuddea ...	... (b)	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
24-Pergunnahs ...	8	11	19	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	15	2	1	3	1	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	
Bogra ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dinagepore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pubna ...	11	3	14	3	4	1	3	...	2	...	...	13	1	1	4	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	
Rajshahye ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Rungpore ...	1	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Darjeeling ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
ulpigoree ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Backergunge ...	2	24	26	2	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	9	17	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	
Dacca ...	...	5	5	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Furreedpore ...	1	3	4	..	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	..	..	
Mymensingh ...	2	2	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	2	...	
Chittagong ...	29	61	90	1	61	...	3	...	1	...	...	66	24	8	10	18	1	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	5	13	1	
Noakhally ...	310	21	331	...	69	...	31	...	213	...	...	313	18	...	27	27	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	26	...	
Tipperah ...	17	101	118	...	1	1	14	...	4	...	...	20	98	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Chumparun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Durbhunga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gya ...	8 (c)	28	36	1	8	...	19	...	2	...	4	34	2	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Mozufferpore ...	137	201	338	2	135	196	1	..	3	...	...	337	1	2	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	
Sarun ...	4	5	9	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Shahabad ...	2	6	8	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Patna ...	3	53	56	3	...	25	...	17	...	...	...	45	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhagulpore ...	2	3	5	2	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	..	...	...	..	1	..	...	
Maldah ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Monghyr ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Purneah ...	2	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	
Balasore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cuttack ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Pooree ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hazaribagh ...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lohardugga ...	(d)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Manbhoom ...	2	1	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	..	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Singbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	1,428	580	2,008	22	1,055	223	217	17	229	...	11	1,774	23	52	729	781	6	26	4	3	...	...	...	1	2	42	739	4	

(a) The discrepancy is owing to one case having been struck out of the statement as it was remanded in the previous year, but by mistake was shown as pending.
(b) The difference is owing to Government not having appeared in one case.
(c) The difference of one case is owing to Government not having appeared in it.
(d) Government did not appear in five out of the seven cases shown as pending last year, and hence the difference.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1*st April* 1881 *to* 31*st March* 1882.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	110	.....	.....	110	.....	75	2	13	90
	Beerbhoom	65	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	7	112	119
	Bankoora	219	.....	26	245	102	636	.....	51	789
	Midnapore	959	.....	.....	959	.....	993	253	17	1,263
	Hooghly	5,461	2,429	.....	7,890	.....	85	23	.....	108
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	37,358	.....	.....	37,358	.....	252	570	663	1,485
	Nuddea	74	.....	.....	74	.....	8	226	97	331
	Jessore	5	.....	.....	5	.....	513	17	600	1,130
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	240	.....	17	267
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	13	95	108
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	80	.....	80
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	49	.....	.....	49	1,664	284	1,234	13	3,195
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	1,795	.....	.....	1,795	388	.....	186	63	637
	Mymensingh	9	.....	.....	9	631	186	21	.....	838
	Furreedpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,787	1,787
	Backergunge	427	.....	.....	427	.....	86	295	66	447
Patna	Patna	80	.....	.....	80	4,832	.....	.....	101	4,933
	Mozufferpore	60	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	123	8	131
	Gya	233	.....	.....	233	.....	14	75	143	232
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	.....	792	1,214	518	.....	2,524
	Shahabad	65	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	48	16	64
	Saran	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,400	4,403
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	48
	Monghyr	30	.....	.....	30	.....	1,620	.....	1,013	2,633
	Maldah	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	41
	Purnesh	.....	.....	.....	.....	232	.....	280	.....	562
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	3,154	.....	.....	3,154	71	461	220	.....	752
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	201	.....	.....	201	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	6	55
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	264	.....	264
Chittagong	Chittagong	21	.....	.....	21	.....	142	1,291	23	1,456
	Noakhally	217	.....	.....	217	810	85	1,179	37	2,111
	Tipperah	100	.....	.....	100	.....	58	197	124	379
	Total	50,741	2,429	26	53,196	9,672	6,952	7,125	9,513	33,262

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in Litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1*st April* 1881 *to* 31*st March* 1882.

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G.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1882.

Divisions.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1881.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.			Total.			Realized during 1881-82.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan ...	(*b*) 437	.....	.....	92	2	6	529	2	6	102	2	6	427	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	427	.....	.....
	Beerbhoom ...	6,472	1,058	49	21	371	18	6,493	1,429	67	65	.....	.....	6,428	1,429	67	.....	.....	.....	6,428	1,429	67
	Bankoora ...	5,828	481	172	50	220	116	5,878	701	288	179	12	55	5,699	689	233	2,020	362	135	3,679	327	98
	Midnapore ...	2,479	746	160	313	58	83	2,792	804	243	931	.....	28	1,861	804	215	533	58	40	1,328	746	175
	Hooghly ...	5,545	.....	35	2,628	9	46	8,173	9	81	7,832	9	49	341	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	341	.....	32
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	4,53,836	1,24,404	50	313	50,405	18	4,54,149	1,74,809	68	133	37,225	.....	4,54,016	1,37,584	68	.....	.....	.....	4,54,016	1,37,584	68
	Nuddea ...	.....	.....	62	15	15	121	15	15	183	.....	.....	74	15	15	109	.....	.....	.....	15	15	109
	Jessore ...	.....	.....	.....	248	41	31	248	41	31	.....	.....	5	248	41	26	.....	.....	.....	248	41	26
	Moorshedabad ...	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Soonderbuns ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye ...	988	193	16	9	2	1	997	195	17	9	2	1	988	193	16	988	193	16	.....	.....	.....
	Bogra ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	68	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	68
	Dinagepore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna ...	.....	131	989	.....	25	1,569	.....	156	2,558	.....	6	43	.....	150	2,515	.....	129	946	.....	21	1,569
	Julpgoree ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeling ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca ...	2,102	57	17	.....	34	2	2,102	91	19	1,697	79	19	405	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	405	12	.....
	Mymensingh ...	.....	.....	.....	857	93	186	857	93	186	9	.....	.....	848	93	186	.....	.....	.....	848	93	186
	Furreedpore ...	16	2	4	.....	.....	.....	16	2	4	.....	.....	.....	16	2	4	.....	.....	.....	16	2	4
	Backergunge ...	761	32	72	1,409	43	29	2,170	75	101	313	29	85	1,857	46	16	.....	.....	.....	1,857	46	16
Patna	Patna ...	20	14	9	300	.....	10	320	14	19	69	.....	11	251	14	8	.....	.....	.....	251	14	8
	Mozufferpore ...	(*c*)1,454	(*c*)276	(*c*)34	90	51	53	1,544	327	87	60	.....	.....	1,484	327	87	.....	.....	.....	1,484	327	87
	Gya ...	10,611	645	1,696	39	619	49	10,650	1,264	1,745	196	19	18	10,454	1,245	1,727	.....	.....	.....	10,454	1,245	1,727
	Durbhunga ...	(*d*)49	.....	(*d*)30	513	.....	31	562	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	562	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	562	.....	61
	Shahabad ...	1,198	.....	60	86	1	18	1,284	1	78	46	1	18	1,238	.....	60	416	.....	60	822	.....	.....
	Sarun ...	305	13	.....	1,798	80	20	2,103	93	20	.....	.....	.....	2,103	93	20	.....	.....	.....	2,103	93	20
	Chumparun ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore ...	2,633	70	6	38	.....	.....	2,671	70	6	.....	.....	.....	2,671	70	6	.....	.....	.....	2,671	70	6
	Monghyr ...	8	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	22	8	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah ...	1,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....
	Purneah ...	.....	.....	.....	160	.....	.....	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	160	.....	.....
	Dumka ...	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom ...	(*a*)11,817	(*a*)1,326	(*a*)389	34	627	248	11,851	1,953	637	2,655	336	163	9,196	1,617	474	.....	.....	.....	9,196	1,617	474
	Singbhoom ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh ...	693	214	203	100	73	40	793	287	243	84	75	42	709	212	201	.....	.....	.....	709	212	201
Orissa	Cuttack ...	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
	Balasore ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree ...	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong ...	368	.....	18	920	.....	11	1,288	.....	29	16	.....	5	1,272	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	1,272	.....	24
	Noakholly ...	35	.....	341	.....	.....	263	35	.....	604	.....	.....	217	35	.....	387	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	387
	Tipperah ...	318	.....	12	1,077	13	58	1,395	13	70	75	13	12	1,320	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	1,320	.....	58
	Total ...	5,09,610	1,29,662	4,661	11,110	52,782	3,109	5,20,720	1,82,444	7,770	14,479	37,808	910	5,06,241	1,44,636	6,860	3,959	742	1,197	5,02,282	1,43,894	5,663

(*a*) The discrepancy with the balance of last year is owing to the transfer of a decree to the Bankoora district.
(*b*) The discrepancy is owing to a clerical mistake in the last year's return.
(*c*) The difference is due to subsequent reduction ordered by the Appellate Court in the case of Adito Sing *versus* Government.
(*d*) The difference is owing to an error on the part of the Collector in not showing the remission actually ordered during the last year.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding on 1st April 1882.

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I.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1881-82.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEAL SUITS.											
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1881.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.					Pending on the 31st March 1882.	Number pending on 31st March 1881.	Number instituted from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.						Pending on 31st March 1882.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
				In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.						In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
				Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.						Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.			
High Court ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	45	21	66	3 / 19	3 / 1	2 / 2	... / ...	1 / 3	34	32	3
Burdwan	2	5	7	1 / 4	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	5	2	2	...	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	...
Beerbhoom... ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Midnapore	(b)9	11	20	2 / 8	... / 3	.. / 1	... / ...	14	6	1	4	5	... / 1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	3	1
Hooghly	1	10	11	2 / 3	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	6	5	2	1	3	... / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1 / ...	2	1	1
24-Pergunnahs ...	9	41	50	21 / 8	1 / 5	1 / 3	... / ...	39	11	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...
Nuddea	1	31	32	28 / 1	... / ...	... / ...	1 / ...	30	2	1	...	1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...
Jessore	19	290	309	276 / 1	8 / 2	... / 2	3 / ...	292	17	1	6	7	3 / 1	3 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	7	...	3
Moorshedabad ...	8	38	46	35 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	37	9	...	1	1	... / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	1
Dinagepore ...	3	18	21	14 / 3	1 / ...	3 / ...	... / ...	21	...	1	3	4	... / ...	1 / 3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	4	...	1
Rajshahye ...	4	10	14	6 / 1	2 / 2	... / 1	... / ...	12	2	1	3	4	... / 1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	2	1
Rungpore	100	107	207	204 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	204	3	...	9	9	... / ...	9 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	9	...	9
Pubna	1	3	4	1 / 1	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	3	1	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Julpigori	a164	575	739	669 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	669	70	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Dacca	7	1	8	1 / 1	... / 4	... / ...	1 / ...	7	1	...	6	6	... / 2	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	3	1
Furreedpore ...	8	24	32	15 / 4	1 / 2	... / ...	1 / ...	23	9	4	...	4	1 / 2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	4	...	...
Backergunge ...	1	35	36	27 / ...	... / 1	... / ...	.. / ...	28	8	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...
Mymensingh ...	3	4	7	... / 1	... / 1	... / 1	... / ...	3	4	3	...	3	2 / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	1
Tipperah ...	...	6	6	3 / 3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	6	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Chittagong ...	4	15	19	1 / 5	... / 4	... / ...	... / ...	10	9	2	10	12	1 / 2	2 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	5	7	2
Noakholly ...	...	8	8	1 / 3	... / 1	... / 1	... / ...	6	2	2	...	2	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	...
Patna	4	1	5	... / ...	... / 3	... / 1	... / ...	4	1	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	2	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...
Gya	...	...	...	.. / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	.. / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	2	3	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	2	4c	3	7	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	7	...
Mozufferpore ...	...	29	29	8 / 3	... / 2	2 / 11	... / ...	26	3	...	14	14	10 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	10	4	...
Monghyr	...	5	5	... / 1	... / 3	... / ...	... / ...	4	1	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	2	2	4	... / 2	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	1	1
Maldah	...	8	8	4 / ...	1 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	7	1	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Purneah	Not received.																			
Cuttack	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Pooree	..	...	..	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	43	326	369	357 / ...	9 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	366	3	2	...	2	1 / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	.. / ...	... / ...	2	...	...
Manbhoom	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	15	68	83	70 / 3	... / ..	1 / ...	2 / ...	76	7	...	2	2	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	...
Total ...	407	1,674	2,081	1,746 / 58	24 / 35	7 / 22	8 / ...	1,900	181	74	87	161	22 / 36	26 / 5	2 / 2	... / ...	2 / 3	99	63	25

(a) The difference is owing to one case being entered twice in last year's return.
(b) The difference is owing to two cases having been shown by mistake as pending in last year's return, whereas they were decided during the year.
(c) The difference is owing to an estate having gone out of the hand of the Court of Wards.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in Litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Court, from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	31	.....	119	150	.....	.....	29	.....	40	69
	Total ...	31	.....	119	150	.....	.....	29	.....	40	69
Bankoorah ...	Supur estate ...	161	.....	.....	161	.....	138	167	.....	.....	305
Midnapore	Jamirapal estates ...	5,414	.....	.....	5,414	.....	708	57	.....	522	1,287
	Nischinta ,, ...										
	Beluria ,, ...										
	Moishadul ,, ...										
	Jambuni ,, ...										
	Khetrahat ,, ...										
	Total ...	5,414	.....	.....	5,414	.....	708	57	.....	522	1,287
Jessore ...	Bogchur estate ...	40	.....	1,445	1,485	.....	.....	20	.....	636	656
	Narail ,, ...	23,384	.....	.....	23,384	221	3,815	152	.....	925	5,113
	Ramnugger ,, ...	37	.....	7,658	7,695	.....	1,526	.....	.....	65	1,585
	Total ...	23,461	.....	9,103	32,564	221	5,335	172	.....	1,626	7,354
Moorsheda-bad ...	Nushipore estate (mal)	1,805	.....	.....	1,805	443	653	412	.....	2	1,510
	Ditto ,, (de-butter).	17	.....	.....	17	12	4	220	.....	.....	236
	K. D. Banerjee's estate (Sydabad).	51	.....	.....	51	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	14
	Byashpur estate ...	36	.....	.....	36	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	39
	Choan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	34	.....	.....	40
	Cosim Bazar estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	1,909	.....	.....	1,909	455	716	666	.....	2	1,839
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	10,988	.....	.....	10,988	.....	1,219	13	.....	944	2,176
24-Pergunnahs ...	Halisahar estate ...	128	.....	.....	128	.....	48	20	.....	209	277
	Paikpara ,, ...	Not received.									
	Bawali ,, ...	75	.....	.....	75	.....	11	251	.....	44	306
	Satkhira ,, ...	11,594	.....	.....	11,594	211	3,670	501	.....	11,228	15,610
	Burranagore ,, ...	174	.....	.....	174	.....	671	2	.....	297	970
	Bhawanipore ,, ...	742	.....	.....	742	.....	.....	176	.....	9	185
	Ditto attached estate.	1,291	.....	.....	1,291	.....	116	.....	.....	165	281
	Total ...	14,004	.....	.....	14,004	211	4,516	950	.....	11,952	17,629
Rungpore ...	Burdhunkotee estate ...	267	.....	.....	267	.....	67	.....	.....	.....	67
	Kamarpukur ,, ...	705	.....	.....	705	.....	331	.....	.....	.....	331
	Total ...	972	.....	.....	972	.....	398	.....	.....	.....	398
Dinagepore	Churamun estate ...	70	.....	.....	70	.....	289	28	.....	10	327
	Huzrutpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Kolanderpore ,, ...	5	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	65	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	140	.....	.....	140	.....	289	28	.....	10	327
Bogra ...	Hurrokishore Guho's estate.	Not received.									
Rajshahye	Chowgong estate ...	3,127	.....	.....	3,127	.....	58	31	.....	.....	89
	Gobindpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	242	150	.....	.....	.....	392
	Nawapara ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moinam ,, ...	22	.....	.....	22	.....	111	11	.....	.....	122
	Pootiah ,, ...	396	.....	.....	396	.....	1,114	.....	.....	.....	1,114
	Tahirpore ,, ...	384	.....	.....	384	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	90
	Total ...	3,929	.....	.....	3,929	242	1,523	42	.....	.....	1,807
Julpigoree ...	Cooch Behar estate ...	71,141	.....	.....	71,141	.....	7,652	.....	.....	.....	7,652
Dacca ...	Ward's estates ...	14	.....	.....	14	252	344	1,034	.....	58	1,688
Furreedpore	Ward's estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mymensingh ...	Hur Gobind Lushker's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jagat Kishore Acharjie's estate.	153	.....	1,529	1,682	.....	.....	375	3,050	6,614	10,039
	Total ...	153	.....	1,529	1,682	.....	.....	375	3,050	6,614	10,039
Tipperah ...	Bassarat Ali Chowdhry's estate.	2,302	.....	.....	2,302	.....	755	250	.....	6,084	7,089
Backergunge.	Nocori Lall Chuckerbutty's estate.	Statements not received from the Collector.									
	Taruk Kumar Chuckerbutty and brothers' estate.										
	Nobo Durga Debia ...										
	Jagatnarian Roy's estate										
	Bepin Behary Das's estate.										
	Huro Kumar Das's estate.										
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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District.	Name of Estates.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursement.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in Miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Noakholly	Ananga Mohan Mozoomdar's estate.	299	.....	179	478	.....	.....	.....	.....	94	94
	Courjan estate	29	.....	725	754	148	.....	11	.....	1,805	1,964
	Gunga Churn Mozumdar's estate.	.....	.....	118	118	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	125
	Total ...	328	.....	1,022	1,350	148	.....	11	.....	2,024	2,183
Chittagong	Hedait Ali Chowdhury's estate.	132	.....	.....	132	15	.....	.....	.....	26	41
	Amirunnessa's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	35	96
	Romesh Chundra Chowdhury's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	22	27
	Magun Das Roy's estate	424	.....	.....	424	167	.....	.....	.....	121	288
	Nyantara's estate ...	832	.....	.....	832	103	32	.....	.....	191	326
	Rajkissen Banerjea's estate.	64	.....	.....	64	21	.....	.....	.....	36	57
	Fuzl Ahmed's estate ...	919	.....	.....	919	46	81	.....	.....	204	331
	Asad Ali Khan	17	.....	.....	17	67	9	.....	.....	.....	76
	Total ...	2,388	.....	.....	2,388	485	122	.....	.....	635	1,242
Dubbhunga	Nurhan estate	47,492	.....	.....	47,492	36	345	40	.....	1,216	1,637
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sarun ...	Ward's estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	119	134
Shahabad ...	Despathy Sing's estate	84	.....	.....	84	.....	360	6	.....	95	461
	Raghunandun Prosad's estate.	707	.....	.....	707	.....	1	4	.....	41	46
	Total ...	791	.....	.....	791	.....	361	10	.....	136	507
Patna ...	Ward's estate	34	.....	.....	34	2	.....	12	.....	.....	14
Monghyr ...	Malpa estate	30	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	204	.....	.....	204
	Phulberiah estate ...	.....	.....	274	274	.....	.....	2,170	.....	.....	2,170
	Chanthan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,192	.....	.....	2,192
	Lalpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	30	.....	274	304	.....	.....	4,566	.....	.....	4,566
Purnah ...	Rusulpore estate... ...	3,145	.....	.....	3,145	.....	.....	.....	.....	541	541
	Surjapore ,, ...	174	.....	.....	174	.....	291	56	.....	19	366
	Total ...	3,319	.....	.....	3,319	.....	291	56	.....	560	907
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate	441	.....	.....	441	.....	132	.....	.....	43	175
Bhagulpore	Wards' estates	528	.....	.....	528	.....	24	.....	.....	284	308
Pooree ...	Wards' estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cuttack ...	Kanika estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate	544	.....	8,454	8,998	261	515	.....	.....	5,217	5,993
	Jeridah ,, ...	.....	.....	31	31	.....	38	.....	.....	246	284
	Serampore ,, ...	805	.....	830	1,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	335	335
	Total ...	1,349	.....	9,315	10,664	261	553	.....	.....	5,798	6,612
Manbhoom...	Noaghur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	26
	Hatras ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	26
Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore estate ...	4,432	.....	44,336	48,768	6,368	1,360	.....	.....	2,204	9,992
	Pungri estate	4,488	.....	50	4,538	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	36
	Deogan ,, ...	296	.....	645	941	.....	116	.....	.....	59	175
	Total ...	9,216	.....	45,031	54,247	6,368	1,512	.....	.....	2,323	10,203
Singbhoom	Wards' estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Grand Total ...	2,00,535	.....	66,393	2,66,928	8,681	26,959	8,493	3,050	40,990	88,173

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the Amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstandings on 1st April 1881.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	3,714	2,473	922	.....	26	29	3,714	2,499	951
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bankoora ...	Supur estate	124	4	19	.....	.....	14	124	4	33
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapal estate ...	244	71	16	.....	17	15	244	88	31
		Beraberia	.....	.....	.....	2,138	.....	716	2,138	.....	716
		Nischinta	22,881	1,899	727	273	590	220	23,154	2,489	947
		Jhargram				Not received.					
		Jambuni	31	8	58	.....	.....	.....	31	8	58
		Beluria	1,163	44	167	.....	79	.....	1,163	123	167
		Moisadal	44,676	15,193	2,591	947	159	744	45,623	15,352	3,335
		Khetrahat	552*	53	107	7,959	727	1,416	8,511	780	1,523
		Total ...	69,547	17,268	3,666	11,317	1,572	3,111	80,864	18,840	6,777
Presidency.	Jessore ...	Bagchur estate ...	1,603	1,060	430	783	500	440	2,386	1,560	870
		Narail ,, a...	70,095	9,699	8,423	19,722	3,553	3,574	89,817	13,252	11,997
		Rammugger ,, ...	9,653	4,693	2,902	2,530	1,636	1,715	12,183	6,329	4,617
		Total ...	81,351	15,452	11,755	23,035	5,689	5,729	1,04,386	21,141	17,484
	Moorshedabad	Nushipore estate (mal).	2,368	1,469	529	1,791	198	247	4,159	1,667	776
		Nushipore estate (debutter).	10	1	4	.....	.....	431	10	1	435
		Byashpore ,, ...	148	62	18	.....	.....	...	148	62	18
		K. D. Banerjee's estate (Sydabad).	46	6	10	.....	.....	.....	46	6	10
		Choan estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	29
		Cossim Bazar ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	2,572	1,538	561	1,791	198	707	4,363	1,736	1,268
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	5,551	1,220	1,352	7,505	1,456	2,136	13,056	2,676	3,488
	24-Pergunnahs	Halishahar estate ...	113	20	103	.....	6	19	113	26	122
		Paikpara ,, ...				Not received.					
		Bawali ,, ...	901	57	514	.....	5	28	901	62	542
		Satkhira ,, ...	53,504	31,853	13,371	5,585	2,459	2,330	59,089	34,312	15,701
		Burranagore ,, ...	9,025c	1,419c	930c	303	594	720	9,328	2,013	1,650
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	2,858	182	119	107	40	60	2,965	222	179
		Ditto attached estate.	1,198	45	90	853	48	134	2,051	93	224
		Total ...	67,599	33,576	15,127	6,848	3,152	3,291	74,447	36,728	18,418
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore ...	Churamun estate ...	540	5	4	972	.....	57	1,512	5	61
		Huzrutpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Kolunderpore ,, ...	1,143	250	158	.....	.....	1	1,143	250	159
		Sunkerpore ,, ...	184	806	805	.....	1	.....	184	807	805
		Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	1,867	1,061	967	972	1	58	2,839	1,062	1,025
	Rungpore ...	Panga estate ...				Released.					
		Kamurpukur ,, ...	946	47	121	1,333	5	112	2,279	52	233
		Burdhunkotee ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	827	227	67	827	227	67
		Total ...	946	47	121	2,160	232	179	3,106	279	300
	Rajshahye ...	Chowgong estate ...	7,018	357	119	9,321	770	386	16,339	1,127	505
		Gobindpore ,, ...	36	18	14	61	16	13	97	29	27
		Nawapara ,, ...				Not received.					
		Mainam ,, ...	319	31	66	.....	.....	22	319	31	88
		Pooteah ,, ...	2,546	108	223	5,802	83	208	8,348	191	431
		Tahirpore ,, ...	7,655b	10985	1155	137	86	125	7.792	1,184	240
		Total ...	17,574	1,607	537	15,321	955	754	32,895	2,562	1,291
	Julpigori ...	Cooch Behar estate ...	28,245	5,322	6,548	66,788	11,119	7,887	95,033	16,441	14,435
Dacca.	Dacca	Wards' estate ...	4,016	296	54	1,636	55	57	5,652	351	111
	Furreeppore ...	Wards' estate ...	28	17	22	.....	.....	.....	28	17	22
	Mymensingh...	Hur Gobind Lushkur	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Juggut Kishore Acharjee.	3,652	2,731	4,241	4,213	742	105	7,875	3,473	4,346
		Total ...	3,662	2,731	4,241	4,213	742	105	7,875	3,473	4,346
	Backergunge...	Nocori Lall Chuckerbutty.									
		Taruk Kumar Chuckerbutty and brothers,									
		Nobo Durga Debia ...				Statements not received from the Collector.					
		Juggut Narain Roy ...									
		Bepin Behari Dass ...									
		Huro Kumar Dass ...									
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(a) The figures are not all complete as the manager could not collect them from his mofussil agent.
(b) The discrepancies are owing to the senior branch of the Taherpore
(c) The discrepancies are owing to mistakes in

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1882.

Realized during 1881-82.			Balance.			Remitted by Competent Authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
75	36	39	3,639	2,463	912	2,232	1,290	581	1,407	1,172	331
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
124	4	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	.....	9	225	88	22	.....	.....	.....	225	88	22
50	.....	.....	2,088	.....	716	.....	.....	.....	2,088	.....	716
3,038	267	171	20,116	2,222	776	2,189	1,525	166	17,927	697	610
				Not received.							
.....	.....	.....	31	8	58	31	8	58	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	1,163	123	167	.....	.....	.....	1,163	123	167
1,020	94	521	44,603	15,258	2,814	94	.....	.....	44,509	15,258	2,814
187	4	34	8,324	776	1,489	.....	.....	.....	8,324	776	1,489
4,314	365	735	76,550	18,475	6,042	2,314	1,533	224	74,236	16,942	5,818
730	400	355	1,656	1,160	515	650	336	307	1,006	824	208
17,457	2,349	3,578	72,360	10,903	8,419	6,791	.....	.....	65,569	10,903	8,419
4,558	1,110	2,027	7,625	5,219	2,590	3,579	2,690	1,069	4,046	2,529	1,521
22,745	3,859	5,960	81,641	17,282	11,524	11,020	3,026	1,376	70,621	14,256	10,148
1,470	243	92	2,689	1,424	684	.....	.....	.....	2,689	1,424	684
10	1	6	.....	.....	429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429
36	.....	.....	112	62	18	15	.....	11	97	62	7
46	.....	5	.....	6	5	.....	6	5	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,562	244	103	2,801	1,492	1,165	15	6	16	2,786	1,486	1,149
7,042	1,641	2,305	6,014	1,035	1,183	.....	.....	.....	6,014	1,035	1,183
58	25	45	55	1	77	9	.....	22	46	1	55
				Not received.							
60	5	10	841	57	532	.....	.....	.....	841	57	532
8,808	1,588	1,198	50,281	32,724	14,508	9,221	9,160	1,913	41,060	23,564	12,590
133	8	33	9,195	2,005	1,617	.....	.....	.....	9,195	2,005	1,617
483	195	64	2,482	27	115	.....	.....	.....	2,482	27	115
990	90	211	1,061	3	13	54	.....	.....	1,007	3	13
10,532	1,911	1,561	63,915	34,817	16,857	9,284	9,160	1,935	54,631	25,657	14,922
46	5	19	1,466	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	1,466	.....	42
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	.....	.....	1,138	250	159	.....	.....	.....	1,138	250	159
37	9	19	147	798	786	.....	.....	.....	147	798	786
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
88	14	38	2,751	1,048	987	.....	.....	.....	2,751	1,048	987
				Released.							
547	5	153	1,732	47	80	119	47	12	1,613	.....	68
205	33	29	622	194	38	.....	.....	.....	622	194	38
752	38	182	2,354	241	118	119	47	12	2,235	194	106
2,820	99	208	13,519	1,028	297	.....	.....	.....	13,519	1,028	297
.....	.....	.....	97	29	27	.....	.....	.....	97	29	27
				Not received.							
.....	.....	22	319	31	66	.....	.....	.....	319	31	66
195	58	143	8,153	133	288	84	31	60	8,069	102	228
359	5	20	7,433	1,179	229	571	98	73	6,862	1,081	147
3,374	162	393	29,521	2,400	898	655	129	133	28,866	2,271	765
54,944	7,845	8,352	40,089	8,596	6,083	5,110	583	913	34,979	8,013	5,170
.....	.....	14	5,652	351	97	.....	.....	.....	5,652	351	97
.....	.....	.....	28	17	22	.....	.....	.....	28	17	22
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
502	865	316	7,373	2,608	4,030	139	141	72	7,234	2,467	3,958
502	865	316	7,373	2,608	4,030	139	141	72	7,234	2,467	3,958
			Statement not received from the Collector.								
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

They include decrees both of the joint and separate estates of the minor.
estate having been released from the Court of Wards.
the Collector's statement of last year.

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Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstandings on 1st April 1881.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chittagong.	Tipperah ...	Basarut Ali Chowdhry's estate.	8,013	6,895	863	5,274	250	732	13,287	7,145	1,595
		Hedait Ali Chowdhry	368	16	20	.....	.....	26	368	16	46
		Amirunnissa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	8,381	6,911	883	5,274	250	758	13,655	7,161	1,641
	Chittagong ...	Romesh Chunder Chowdhry.	341	676	110	6	.....	19	347	676	129
		Makan Das Roy ...	1,314	248	203	.....	50	75	1,314	298	278
		Nayantara's estate ...	4,748	891	1,775	.....	47	144	4,748	938	1,919
		Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	73	12	27	303	.....	14	376	12	41
		Fuzl Ahmed's estate...	3,044	369	487	.....	36	204	3,044	405	691
		Asad Ali Khan ...	.....	.....	.....	1,918	101	117	1,918	101	117
		Total ...	9,520	2,196	2,602	2,227	284	573	11,747	2,430	3,175
	Noakholly ...	Anunga Mohun Mozumdar.	692	167	418	24	59	9	716	226	427
		Gunga Churn Mozumdar.	132	48	25	45	3	9	177	51	34
		Courjon estate ...	1,544	503	715	.....	97	117	1,544	600	832
		Total ...	2,368	718	1,158	69	159	135	2,437	877	1,293
Patna.	Durbhunga ...	Nurhum estate ...	69,745	21,793	5,265	474	1,021	287	70,219	22,994	5,552
		Total ...	69,745	21,793	5,265	474	1,201	287	70,219	22,994	5,552
	Sarun	Wards' estate ...	58	13	(d) 912	.....	8	176	58	21	1,088
	Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh ...	3,691	370	218	7	140	39	3,698	510	257
		Raghunundun Prosad	2,455	502	930	278	150	255	2,733	652	1,185
		Total ...	6,146	872	1,148	285	290	294	6,431	1,162	1,442
	Patna	Wards' estate ...	34	11	78	.....	10	.....	34	21	78
Bhagulpore.	Mongbyr ...	Malpa estate ...	.....	213	1,860	.....	105	.....	.....	318	1,860
		Phulberiah ,, ...	936	1,907	516	128	400	179	1,064	2,307	695
		Chantham ,, ...	863	111	.....	11	57	.....	874	168	.....
		Lalpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	1,799	2,231	2,376	139	562	179	1,938	2,793	2,555
	Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	7,171	6,639	993	7,171	6,639	993
		Surjapore	647	402	396	.....	.....	126	647	402	522
		Total ...	647	402	396	7,171	6,639	1,119	7,818	7,041	1,515
	Maldah ...	Chanchal estate ...	354	542	77	719	284	175	1,073	826	252
	Bhagulpore ...	Wards' estates ...	(c) 313	(c)48	(c) 78	94	13	22	407	61	100
Orissa.	Cuttack ...	Kanika estates ...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree ...	Wards' estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Noaghur	903	273	68	.....	55	.....	903	328	68
		Katras	1,117	153	4	.....	68	.....	1,117	221	4
		Total ...	2,020	426	72	.....	123	.....	2,020	549	72
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate	54,228	6,680	30,463	8,575	3,559	2,489	62,803	10,239	32,952
		Pungri ,, ...	2,400	2,067	904	55	146	36	2,455	2,213	940
		Deogaon ,, ...	1,247	579	629	397	51	163	1,644	630	792
		Total ...	57,875	9,326	31,996	9,027	3,756	2,688	66,902	13,082	34,684
	Singbhoom ...	Wards' estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	3,741	1,534	3,183	5,049	1,598	2,972	8,790	3,132	6,155
		Jiridah ,, ...	199	39	123	655	562	130	854	601	253
		Serampore ,, ...	641	57	70	958	233	332	1,599	290	402
		Total ...	4,581	1,630	3,376	6,662	2,393	3,434	11,243	4,023	6,810
		Grand Total ...	4,50,637	1,29,731	96,309	1,73,727	41,119	33,897	6,24,364	1,70,850	1,30,206

(c) The Collector says that these figures are correct, whereas
(d) There was a mistake of

concluded.

Realized during 1881-82.			Balance.			Remitted by Competent Authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1,263	561	478	12,024	6,584	1,117	5,281	5,676	402	6,743	908	715
115	.....	17	253	16	29	.....	.....	.....	253	16	29
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,378	561	495	12,277	6,600	1,146	5,281	5,676	402	6,996	924	744
.....	.....	.....	347	676	129	.....	.....	.....	347	676	129
347	15	62	967	283	216	.....	.....	.....	967	283	216
445	84	303	4,303	854	1,616	2,885	347	954	1,418	507	662
55	.....	9	321	12	32	.....	.....	.....	321	12	32
658	26	235	2,386	379	456	.....	.....	.....	2,386	379	456
16	1	.....	1,902	100	117	.....	.....	.....	1,902	100	117
1,521	126	609	10,226	2,304	2,566	2,885	347	954	7,341	1,957	1,612
91	32	355	625	194	72	544	90	.....	81	104	72
96	11	11	81	40	23	.....	.....	.....	81	40	23
368	144	242	1,176	456	590	734	177	341	442	279	249
555	187	608	1,882	690	685	1,278	267	341	604	423	344
47,492	.....	.....	22,727	22,994	5,552	6,024	.....	.....	16,703	22,994	5,552
47,492	.....	.....	22,727	22,994	5,552	6,024	.....	.....	16,703	22,994	5,552
.....	.....	.....	58	21	1,088	.....	21	954	58	.....	134
54	10	20	3,644	500	237	1,880	90	148	1,764	410	89
707	.....	.....	2,026	652	1,185	1,116	587	950	910	65	235
761	10	20	5,670	1,152	1,422	2,996	677	1,098	2,674	475	324
34	.....	.....	.....	21	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	78
.....	.....	30	.....	318	1,830	.....	.....	.....	.....	318	1,830
159	50	65	905	2,257	630	.....	.....	.....	905	2,257	630
.....	.....	.....	874	167	.....	.....	.....	.....	874	168	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
159	50	95	1,779	2,743	2,468	.....	.....	.....	1,779	2,743	2,460
2,109	365	671	5,062	6,274	322	.....	.....	.....	5,062	6,274	322
143	.....	31	503	402	492	.....	.....	.....	503	402	492
2,252	365	702	5,565	6,676	814	.....	.....	.....	5,565	6676	814
292	42	107	781	784	105	13	3	14	768	781	131
387	56	85	20	5	15	.....	.....	7	20	5	8
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	903	328	68	.....	.....	.....	903	328	68
.....	.....	.....	1,117	221	4	.....	.....	.....	1,117	221	4
.....	.....	.....	2,020	549	72	.....	.....	.....	2,020	549	72
33,522	7,249	7,297	29,281	2,990	24,955	8,067	497	3,055	21,214	2,493	21,900
2,450	1,184	904	5	1,029	36	.....	.....	.....	5	1,029	36
673	34	245	971	596	547	.....	192	.....	971	404	547
36,645	8,966	9,146	30,257	4,615	25,538	8,067	689	3,055	22,190	3,926	22,483
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5,921	1,778	1,300	2,869	1,354	4,855	586	297	465	2,283	1,057	4,390
31	.....	.....	823	601	253	70	21	47	753	580	206
1,276	134	226	323	156	176	.....	.....	.....	323	156	176
7,228	1,912	1,526	4,015	2,111	5,284	656	318	512	3,359	1,793	4,772
2,04,758	28,760	33,423	4,19,606	1,42,090	96,783	58,088	23,914	12,599	3,61,518	1,18,176	84,184

those shown in his statement for 1880-81 were all incorrect.
Rs. 100 in the last year's statement.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper Suits was realized and what was Outstanding on the 1st April 1882.

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1881.			Awarded in favor of Government from 1st April 1881 to 31st March 1882.			Total.			Realized during 1881-82.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	1,258	.....	.....	273	.....	.....	1,531	.....	.....	337	.....	.....	1,194	.....	.....	131	.....	.....	1,063	.....	.....	9
	Bankoora	1,686	149	137	938	4	146	2,624	153	283	469	.....	108	2,155	153	175	1,202	122	32	953	31	143	159
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
	Midnapore	5,177	.....	78	1,418	.....	7	6,595	.....	85	2,551	.....	13	4,044	.....	72	862	.....	17	3,182	.....	55	7
	Hooghly	1,186	.....	44	774	.....	36	1,960	.....	80	702	.....	50	1,258	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	1,258	.....	30	31
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	4,246	.....	144	6,166	.....	158	10,412	.....	302	1,934	.....	68	8,478	.....	234	1,598	.....	42	6,880	.....	192	58
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
	Jessore	461	.....	.....	195	.....	42	656	.....	42	112	.....	.....	544	.....	42	218	.....	42	326	.....	.....	39
	Moorshedabad	2,047	.....	195	509	.....	46	2,556	.....	241	873	.....	18	1,683	.....	223	.....	.....	.....	1,683	.....	223	28
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	578	.....	82	69	.....	.....	647	.....	32	105	.....	4	542	.....	28	470	.....	7	72	.....	21	.....
	Dinagepore	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	81	.....	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	17	178	.....	17	178	.....	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17
	Pubna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	4,573	.....	109	803	2	69	5,376	2	178	754	2	64	4,622	.....	114	3,575	.....	22	1,047	.....	92	103
	Backergunge	1,618	.....	97	281	.....	18	1,899	.....	115	713	.....	28	1,186	.....	87	483	.....	74	703	.....	13	52
	Mymensingh	537	.....	33	227	.....	43	764	.....	76	148	.....	50	616	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	616	.....	26	31
	Furreedpore	1,652	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,652	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,652	.....	2	1,414	.....	1	238	.....	1	1
Chittagong	Tipperah	3,201	.....	.....	686	.....	18	3,887	.....	18	195	.....	9	3,692	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	3,692	.....	9	19
	Chittagong	1,962	.....	117	72	.....	.....	2,034	.....	117	1,672	.....	4	362	.....	113	.....	.....	.....	362	.....	113	5
	Noakholly	.....	.....	435	.....	.....	291	.....	.....	726	.....	.....	142	.....	.....	584	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	584	41
Patna	Patna	4,831	.....	.....	4,800	.....	.....	9,631	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	9,609	.....	.....	53	.....	.....	9,556	.....	.....	13
	Mozufferpore	661	.....	192	45	.....	30	706	.....	222	234	.....	4	472	.....	218	.....	.....	.....	472	.....	218	4
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	Gya	1,057	31	66	.....	7	.....	1,057	38	66	.....	.....	.....	1,057	38	66	.....	.....	.....	1,057	38	66	.....
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	21	217	.....	18	217	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	217	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	217	.....	39	18
	Shahabad	4,412	.....	.....	197	2	47	4,609	2	47	71	2	26	4,538	.....	21	2,274	.....	.....	2,264	.....	21	40
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Maldah	76	.....	.....	181	.....	.....	257	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	242	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	242	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	120	6	16	.....	.....	23	120	6	39	.....	.....	.....	120	6	39	.....	.....	.....	120	6	39	23
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	1,083	.....	.....	128	.....	10	1,211	.....	10	598	.....	.....	613	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	613	.....	10	10
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	976	.....	.....	976	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	976	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	976	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree	1,066	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,066	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,066	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,066	.....	.....	32
Chota Nagpore	Hazareebagh	32	3	13	780	13	2	812	16	15	.....	.....	.....	812	16	15	32	3	13	780	13	2	.....
	Manbhoom	4,738	.....	73	620	.....	16	5,358	.....	89	30	.....	2	5,328	.....	87	2,509	.....	52	2,819	.....	35	.....
	Total	48,339	189	1,804	20,554	28	1,069	68,893	217	2,873	11,794	4	607	57,099	213	2,266	14,842	125	302	42,257	88	1,964	870

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RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Yacht "Rhotas," *the 26th August* 1882.

READ—

The Annual Report on the civil litigation of Government during the year 1881-82.

Read also—

The Report for the preceding year and the orders of Government thereon.

The results of the civil litigation of Government before the Privy Council was very satisfactory. There were eight appeals pending in the Privy Council at the commencement of the year, and during it one appeal was instituted. Of the nine appeals five were decided during the year, in four of them the appeal was dismissed and in the fifth, in which Government was appellant, the case was decreed in its favour. Four appeals remained pending at the end of the year, but as in one case the estate has been released from the Court of Wards, and as in another the mother of a minor has been conducting the case on his behalf, there are practically only two appeals pending in which Government is interested.

2. In the following table are given the principal statistics for the past three years in connection with the disposal of cases in which Government was concerned:—

Cases.		1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
Before the High Court.				
Appeals	Decided in favour of Government	14	13	4
	Ditto against Government	3	3	2
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	.....	5	1
	Total ...	17	21	7
Before the Lower Courts.				
Appeals	Decided in favour of Government	31	21	28
	Ditto against Government	277	4	5
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	4	3	2
	Total ...	312	28	35
Original cases	Decided in favour of Government	334	1,742	1,077
	Ditto against Government	26	203	440
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	31	100	257
	Total ...	391	2,045	1,774
Total	Decided in favour of Government	379	1,776	1,109
	Ditto against Government	306	210	447
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	35	108	260
	Total ...	720	2,094	1,816

3. The percentage of the cases in all the courts decided in favour of Government was 71 as compared with 89 in 1880-81 and 55 in 1879-80. The decrease, as compared with the percentage of last year, is explained partly by the fact that 138 cases brought by the Midnapore ryots against enhancement of rent have been shewn as decided against Government, though the plaintiffs only got modified decrees, the cases being thus partially decided in favour of Government. It is also due partly to the fact that 196 cases in Mozufferpore, in which Government sued for arrears of rent, were dismissed for some irregularity in the service of notices.

4. One important case was decided against Government during the year. The appeal was against the decision of the lower court, which held that Government had no right to enhance the rent of a *shikmi taluk*. On appeal the High Court upheld this decision. No appeal was made to the Privy Council, as the question of title was left open, the Court having arrived at the conclusion that "it might be that the plaintiffs' interest was a mere tenancy

at will, or from year to year, and the Government might terminate it by a proper notice; and if so, they would then probably be in a position to make fresh terms with the plaintiffs as regards increased rent." The result of this decision was that several ryots of Government estates in Noakhally, on whom notices of enhancement had been served, brought suits contesting the right to enhance, and Government was obliged to compromise many of the cases and accept a rent lower than that assessed, but higher than that which had been previously paid.

5. Of the 440 original cases decided against Government, 138 were cases which, as already observed, were decided partly in favour of Government, and 196 were the cases dismissed in Mozufferpore; of the remainder, 45 were connected with enhancement of rent, and 45 were cases in connection with land taken up under the Land Acquisition Act. The other cases were not of any special interest, Government in many of them being, it is stated, merely a *pro formâ* defendant.

6. The following table shows the results of the cases in which the Court of Wards has been interested during the past three years:—

	1879-80	1880-81	1881-82
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards	3,409	1,375	1,862
Ditto against ditto ...	263	112	90
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	132	66	46
Total ...	3,804	1,553	1,998

The percentage of the cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards was 95 as compared with 92 in 1880-81 and 93 in the year preceding it. The increase in the number of cases is stated to have been due to a large number of rent suits having been instituted at Julpigori, Hazaribagh and Rungpore.

7. One of the cases decided on appeal in the High Court related to the nature of tenures known as "*putro putradik jagir tenures*," viz. tenures where the grantor has a right of re-entry on failure of male heirs of the original grantee. In the lower court it was decided that a tenure of this nature could not be sold; the High Court, however, reversed this decision on appeal, as it held that the tenure is transferable according to the custom of the country.

8. The percentage of appeals decided in the High Court in favour of the Court of Wards was 84 as compared with 87 in 1880-81 and 81 in 1879-80. In the lower appellate courts the result was not so favourable, only 57 per cent. being decided in favour of Government as compared with 83 in the preceding year. The decrease is stated to have been due to 9 rent-suit appeals which were filed without reference to the Legal Remembrancer, as under the rules such appeals are not required to be reported. Out of the remaining 18 cases decided against the Court of Wards, the grounds of appeal in two only were submitted to the Legal Remembrancer, and even then they were not submitted in time to allow of their being considered before the appeals were filed. It is hoped that the irregularity of the Collector or other officer responsible for the omission has been properly noticed. The percentage of original cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards was 97 as against 93 in the preceding year. Of the 59 original cases decided against the Court of Wards, 40 were cases of a class which are not reported to the Legal Remembrancer, and of the remainder 6 were not reported, as they contained no question of law.

9. The realization of the amount due on Government decrees was better than during the previous two years. The following statement shows the demand and the amount realized during the past three years:—

	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	6,74,790	7,10,495	7,10,934
Realized during the year ...	30,340	39,953	53,197
Percentage of recovery ...	4½	5⅔	7½

By far the largest portion of the amount is due on the outstanding decrees on the Canning Municipal Estate. Deducting the amount due under this head from the total balance left at the close of the year, the unrealized balance amounted to only about Rs. 60,000. The largest outstanding balances were in Gya (Rs. 13,426), Beerbhoom (Rs. 7,924) and Bankoora (Rs. 4,104). The amount due on account of Wards' decrees was Rs. 9,25,420; of this Rs. 2,66,941, or 28⅘ per cent., was recovered, as compared with Rs. 1,65,559,

or 20 per cent., out of a demand of Rs. 8,23,760 in the preceding year. The heaviest outstanding balances at the close of the year were in the following districts:—

	Rs.
Jessore	84,891
24-Pergunnahs	77,214
Midnapore	62,581

The Legal Remembrancer reports that most of these outstanding balances are bad and irrecoverable, and are due to the injudicious action of managers in suing, without proper enquiry, debtors who, on a decree being given against them, are found to be paupers. The attention of the Collectors of districts should be called to the large outstanding balances both in Government and Court of Wards' cases, and it is desirable that the names of managers of estates who are wanting in judgment in dealing with litigation in their charges should be reported to Government.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. B. PEACOCK,

Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 3105J.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

W. DUNBAR BLYTH,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 30th August 1882.

C. E. G.—Reg. No. 5262C—227—1·9·82.

REPORT

THE LEGAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

BENGAL GOVERNMENT

FOR THE YEAR

1882-83.

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FROM R. F. RAMPINI, ESQ.,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 4th July 1883.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, a report on the civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the year 1882-83.

Privy Council Appeals.

2. There were two appeals pending in the Privy Council at the close of last year, but in one of these Government was only concerned in its capacity of a Court of Wards. The appeal in which Government was itself concerned, viz., that of Omrao Begum *versus* Government, was dismissed on the 28th November 1882. The Privy Council decree in this case was received in this office on the 26th March last, and on application to the High Court was, on the 4th April last, sent down to the lower court for execution. The costs, amounting to £140-16 sterling, awarded to Government have not yet been recovered. The other appeal, Hurdey Narain *versus* Radha Pershad Misser, minor, is still pending in the Privy Council. The memorandum for the guidance of the Solicitor in England was despatched on the 18th November last, but nothing has been heard of it since.

3. During the year under review only two appeals to the Privy Council have been preferred, and both of them are Court of Wards' cases. The first of these, Ranee Jagadishwaree Dabee *versus* Koer Bissessur Roy and another, minors under the Court of Wards, was admitted in September last; but as negotiations for its compromise are in progress, no steps have been taken for entering appearance in the Privy Council on behalf of the minors. The second appeal, Basharut Ali Chowdhry *versus* Yusuf Ali Chowdhry, after being admitted, was withdrawn, as the disputes between the parties were amicably settled.

Result of Government litigation in all courts of Bengal.

4. The result in all the courts of Bengal of the civil litigation in which Government was a party, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of Government ...	1,776	1,109	876
Decided against Government ...	210	447	431
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	108	260	60
Percentage in favour of Government ...	89	71	67

5. The decrease in the percentage of suits decided in favour of Government this year is due to the same causes as led to a decrease in the percentage last year, and as were described in paragraph 5 of last year's report. In 304 cases arising in the Midnapore district, and connected with the recent settlement proceedings of Government there, the court of first instance gave us decrees for rent at enhanced rates both for homestead and for culturable land; but the lower appellate court, while it confirmed the first court's decrees with regard to culturable land, disallowed our claims to increased rent for the homestead lands. Government, however, does not lose much by this decision against it in the appellate court. A large number of the plaintiffs in these cases have specially appealed to the High Court, and their appeals are still pending.

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6. The following is the result of Government litigation in the High Court in 1882-83 as compared with that of the two preceding years:—

Government litigation in High Court.

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of Government	13	4	15
Decided against Government	3	2	4
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	5	1	4
Percentage in favour of Government ...	81	67	79

7. The details of the four cases we lost in the High Court are given below.

8. The plaintiff in this case claimed possession of three-fourths of mouzah Dhusra, alleging it to be ordinary revenue-paying land, and stating that he had purchased it in execution of a degree against the father of the defendant Rampatur, who had held possession of it along with the remaining one-fourth share, which the plaintiff admitted to be ghatwali land. Government contended that the whole mouzah was ghatwali land, and that no portion of it was ever held by anyone as revenue-paying land. The court of first instance dismissed the suit on the ground that the whole of mouzah Dhusra was proved to be ghatwali, and that, as a ghatwali tenure is a service tenure, held in lieu of wages, it could not be sold in satisfaction of the ghatwal's private debts, and that, consequently, the plaintiff by his alleged purchase had acquired nothing. The lower appellate court reversed this decision on the ground that the *ismnavisi* papers, or returns of ghatwali lands, filed in the case, clearly showed that only one-fourth of the mouzah was ghatwali, and that, whatever might be the Patur defendant's rights in the remaining three-fourths, they had admittedly been purchased by the plaintiff, who was therefore entitled to a decree. Against this decision we appealed specially to the High Court, on the ground that the lower appellate court was wrong in considering that the onus of proof lay upon the defendants to prove that the entire village was ghatwali. The High Court, however, concurred with the lower appellate court in throwing upon the defendants the onus of proving that the whole village was ghatwali, and, therefore, there being no error of law in the lower appellate court's finding, dismissed the appeal.

Manbhoom.

Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant No. 3, appellant, *versus* Hari Pershad Tewari, plaintiff, and Rampatur and another, defendants, respondents.

9. The plaintiff in this case was a ryot of a Government estate, and sued to contest his liability to pay rent at the enhanced rate at which he had been assessed by the Settlement Officer. He pleaded that his jote was a *mokurari* one and his rent, not liable to enhancement, and that the *jummabundi* had not been duly published. We contended that the plaintiff had only a right of occupancy, and was liable to pay enhanced rent, that the pottah given him was not a *mokurari* one, and that it had not been granted by competent authority. We also pleaded limitation. The moonsiff, without entering into the merits of the case, set aside the settlement, on the ground that the *jummabundi* was not proved to have been published according to law. The Judge, on appeal, differed from the moonsiff, and remanded the case for adjudication, as to whether the plaintiff's jote was a mere occupancy or a *mokurari* one, whether the granter of the pottah had power to grant it, and whether Government was bound by it or not. Against this order of remand the plaintiff appealed to the High Court, and Prinsep and Pigot, JJ., held that the moonsiff's finding was correct. They, accordingly, reversed the lower appellate court's judgment, and restored that of the moonsiff.

Purneah.

Mosaheblal, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

10. The history of this case, which is an important one, is as follows:—In 1871-72 it was determined by Government to survey and demarcate the holdings of *Lakhirajdars* and *nisfkhirajdars* in Assam. These holdings consisted of numerous scattered pieces of land, and it was thought advisable to re-arrange the holdings and consolidate them into compact plots. In order to effect this, it was necessary to make over to the *nisfkhirajdars* lands upon which Government ryots were already

Mongaldai Assam.

Appeal No. 825 of 1880, Pursidha Narain Koer, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Mankoch, defendant, respondent.

settled. The ryots in such cases were not removed from these lands, but remained in their holdings, and, instead of being the ryots of Government, became the ryots of the nisfkhirajdars. The defendant in the present case is one of those ryots. He originally held the land under Government, executing annual pottahs at varying rents, and sometimes holding a smaller and sometimes a larger quantity of land. The exchange of land between Government and the plaintiff in the present case took place in 1283B.E. or 1876A.D. The term of the defendant's annual pottah had expired in 1875. The plaintiff, after the exchange was effected, repeatedly asked the defendant either to make a settlement with him or to quit the land, but the defendant would do neither, and consequently the plaintiff brought the suit to eject him from five bighas odd cottahs of land, situated in Mongaldai. The defendant urged that he had been in possession of the land in dispute from generation to generation, and from long before the time when the British came to the country, that he had a right of occupancy in the land, and also a right to hold the land in dispute under the plaintiff in the same way as he had held it under Government. The first court (that of the Assistant Commissioner of Mongaldai) dismissed the suit on the ground that, having regard to the annual pottahs, which the defendant used to receive from Government, and to the Assam settlement rules, it considered that the defendant stood at least in as high a position, and in some respects in a better position, than a Bengal ryot, having a right of occupancy, and consequently could not be ejected. The lower appellate court drew a distinction between a ryot who held land under an annual pottah from Government and one who held under a ten years' pottah, and put a different construction upon the annual pottah and the Government rules; but the Judge agreed with the lower court in dismissing the suit on the ground that the plaintiff was not entitled to treat the defendant as a trespasser. Up to this stage of the case this office had no connection with it; but when the plaintiff brought the case to the High Court on special appeal, the Chief Commissioner of Assam communicated with this office, and requested that an appearance might be made on behalf of the respondent Mankoch. He stated that it was a test case of much importance to Government, and to a very large number of ryots in Assam, who were in the same position as the respondent. The appeal came on for hearing before White and Macpherson, JJ., who, however, differed in opinion. White, J., held that the respondent's rights were not affected by the exchange of lands between the plaintiff and Government. He found that the effect of the exchange was merely to put the plaintiff, appellant, in the place of Government, having the same rights as Government possessed, neither more nor less, and that as the defendant, respondent, had not paid rent for three years after the exchange, and would not come to a settlement with him, the plaintiff had a perfect right to turn him out of possession of the land. Our contention was that the defendant, respondent, had a right of occupancy under Act X of 1859, which was altogether a new plea, and one which had not been urged in any of the courts below. White, J., admitted that if Act X of 1859 was in force in Assam the plaintiff could not succeed, but would be confined to bringing a suit for enhancement of rent. He, however, was of opinion that Act X of 1859 was not in force in Assam. Macpherson, J., considered that the Act was in force in Assam, and consequently the question had to be referred to a third Judge, Mitter, J., who held that Act X of 1859 was not in force in the Assam valley districts, and accordingly the appeal was decreed, and the lower court's judgments were reversed with costs.

11. This case was reported on at length in paragraph 12 of this last office report of last year. As mentioned therein, we filed a special appeal to the High Court. The High Court merely found that there was no reason to question the correctness of the judgment of the lower appellate court, and dismissed the appeal with costs.

Midnapore.

No. 1610 of 1881, the Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant, *versus* Doorgapershad Pahari and others, plaintiffs, respondents.

12. The following is the result of the Government litigation in the lower appellate courts in 1882-83 as compared with that of the two previous years :—

Government litigation in lower appellate court.

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of Government ...	21	28	587
Decided against Government	4	5	325
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	3	2	11
Percentage in favour of Government ...	84	85	64

13. The decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government in the lower appellate courts is due principally to the causes already explained in paragraph 5 of this report, and partly to 14 analogous suits instituted at Backergunge by the *howladars* of Golokpura and Shumbhupura having been decided against us by the Judge. The *howladars* brought these suits for the purpose of upsetting a settlement of these mouzahs recently made by the Collector of Backergunge under the provisions of the new Settlement Act (VIII of 1879, B.C.). Their principal contentions were that the provisions of the Act had not been observed in making the settlement, and that their rents could not be enhanced. The court of first instance dismissed seven of the suits, and passed modified decrees in the other seven. Against this decision the *howladars* appealed to the Judge, who decreed the appeals with costs. Both the Collector and Commissioner proposed to prefer special appeals to the High Court, but after consulting the Hon'ble Mr. Dampier, I thought it inadvisable to appeal. It appeared that the settlement had been irregularly made. The Settlement Officer had not correctly ascertained the aggregate of the rents payable by the ryots. He had not entered the rents payable by the ryots and the *nim-howladars* in his settlement proceedings, and, altogether, it seemed to Mr. Dampier and myself better that Government should avail itself of the terms of the Judge's order and make a new settlement than that we should endeavour to uphold a settlement made under an evident misapprehension of the provisions of the new Act.

14. The above remarks dispose of 318 out of the 325 cases decided against Government in the lower appellate courts. The particulars of the remaining seven are as follows.

15. *Dacca.*

W. Harney, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government and others, defendants, respondents.

The plaintiff in this case claimed payment to him of a 4 annas' share of the *sayer* compensation of Hat Imamgunge in the town of Dacca, which had hitherto been paid to one Mirza Fuzl Ali, on the ground that be acquired his right by purchase at a sale in execution of a decree. We virtually did not defend this suit, but merely pleaded that we left it to be decided by the court to whom the *sayer* compensation was to be paid in future. The moonsiff held that, inasmuch as the *sayer* compensation was not an incident of the hât, the plaintiff's claim was not maintainable. He, therefore, dismissed the suit. On appeal, the Subordinate Judge held that the right to the compensation passed by the sale to the purchaser. He, therefore, gave a decree to the plaintiff, but made Mirza Fuzl Ali liable for the costs in both courts. Government interests were not really affected by this litigation, and the Subordinate Judge's order as to costs was favourable to us. No further action was, therefore, taken in this matter.

16. *Mozufferpore.*

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Nundun Lall, plaintiff, respondent.

In this suit the plaintiff sued for the partition of some 191 bighas and 18 katas of land in mehal Hasanpore, which were left undivided when the estate was partitioned by the Collector in 1851, owing to their being then under water. Our defence was that the land sought to be partitioned was *ijmali*, that no separate Government revenue was assessed upon it, and that it bore no separate number in the rent-roll, and consequently the Collector had no power under the butwarah law to make the partition, but that Government had no objection to the court's granting the plaintiff's prayer by making the partition itself. Both the Subordinate Judge, who tried the case in the first instance, and the Judge, who tried the appeal, were of opinion that the Collector was not justified in refusing to make the partition. As the case involved the decision of some difficult points of law, we have filed a second appeal in the High Court. It has, however, not yet been decided.

17. *Chittagong.*

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Romun Chand Burooah, plaintiff, respondent.

This case was reported on in paragraph 12, page 6 of this office report for 1880-81. On appeal the Subordinate Judge also found on the evidence that there was irregularity in the publication of the sale notices, and that the plaintiff had thereby sustained substantial loss. He, consequently, dismissed the appeal. This appeal was filed by the Collector and Commissioner without reference to this office.

18. *Noakholly.*

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Alfa Bunu, plaintiff, respondent.

This is one of the several cases in which we appealed against the moonsiff's judgments relating to churs Luksmi and Badu, mentioned in paragraph 20 of last year's report. On appeal it was dismissed on the 23rd December 1882, but no report was made to this office. The Collector and Commissioner inform me that they agreed together that it

was inadvisable to prefer a second appeal, and so allowed the matter to drop.

19. These two appeals arose out of one suit instituted by the plaintiff for possession of certain plots of land, which he claimed as revenue-paying land. We contended that the land in dispute was ghatwali, and also that plaintiff's claim was barred by limitation, as he had notice more than 12 years before the institution of the suit of the ghatwali title set up to the land. The lower court found that the notice did not expressly refer to the land in dispute, and that we failed to prove adverse possession in respect to a moiety of the subject-matter of the suit. It, therefore, gave the plaintiff a partial decree. In appeal the Judicial Commissioner gave the plaintiff a decree for one more plot of land than decreed to him by the court of first instance. He also dismissed the appeal of the Secretary of State, on the ground that the notice of adverse title was not accompanied by adverse possession. There being no chance of a further appeal being successful, no special appeal was preferred.

Lohardugga.
Brinchinarain Aditya, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government, defendant, respondent, and Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Brinchinarain Aditya, plaintiff, respondent.

20. The facts of this case are, that in a Government khas mehal in Cuttack the plaintiff has a piece of land with a building on it. The rent of this holding was in 1839 fixed at Rs. 6-8-9 per annum. Settlement was made at this rate up to 1274U.S., but owing to the famine of 1865-66 the resettlement, which would otherwise have been made in 1275, was by Act X (B.C.) of 1867 postponed to 1304U.S. Notwithstanding Act X of 1867 (B.C.), however, the Collector resettled the plaintiff's land and increased her annual rent to Rs. 68-9-8. The plaintiff accordingly sued for a declaration that her land could not be resettled till 1304U.S. Our contentions were that the plaintiff was not entitled to a declaratory decree of the kind sought for, that Act X (B.C.) of 1867 did not apply to khas mehals, that the plaintiff being a tenant-at-will was not entitled to the benefits of that Act, and that the rent assessed on her tenure was not excessive. The moonsiff, though he dismissed the suit, held that the plaintiff's suit for a declaratory decree would lie, and that Act X (B.C.) of 1867 did apply, but that under that Act the Collector had power to resettle. Both the plaintiff and Government appealed against this decision, but the Judge agreed with the moonsiff and dismissed both the appeals. The plaintiff has filed a special appeal to the High Court, where it is still pending.

Cuttack.
Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Moharani of Burdwan, plaintiff, respondent.

Government litigation in court of first instance.

21. The result of the original Government cases in 1882-83 as compared with that of the two previous years is as follows:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of Government ...	1,742	1,077	274
Decided against Government ...	203	440	102
Compromised or withdrawn ...	100	287	45
Percentage in favour of Government ...	89	70	73

22. The following is a short account of the cases we lost in the courts of first instance.

23. In the Midnapore district we lost two cases. In the first of these cases a ryot of a Government khas mehal sued for abatement of rent to the extent of Rs. 31 odd annas, payable for 496 bigahs of jungle land included in his lease. He alleged that he had not got possession of the land owing to its being in the possession of others and to 10½ bigahs being occupied by a public road. He also claimed a refund of Rs. 384-15 wrongly received by Government for rent, road cess, &c. The moonsiff gave the plaintiff a modified decree, declaring him entitled to an abatement of rent to the extent of Rs. 18-4-3 per annum, and also to a refund of Rs. 18-7-3, being one year's rent, and dismissed the remainder of his claim with costs. In the second case, the plaintiff sued for cancelment of the sale of some ten cottahs of land, which, they said, had been purchased by their father, and had been

(1) Junmejoy Mullick *versus* Government.
(2) Panaullah Shaha and three others *versus* Government and others.

wrongly sold for arrars of rent due from one Hurry Ghorai, who died about 16 years back. We pleaded that Hurry Ghorai was the registered tenant of the land, and that his rent having fallen into arrears the land was rightly sold. The plaintiff succeeded in obtaining a decree. It is to be noted that in neither of these cases did the Collector of Midnapore report the result to this office. This office was not consulted as to whether an appeal should be preferred, and no appeals were preferred.

24. In the 24-Pergunnahs we lost 12 suits. Seven of them were brought by the tenants of khas mehal Dosra Bhugwanpore to contest the right of Government to enhance the rents of their tenures. The Subordinate Judge decreed the plaintiffs' claims. We filed no appeals, as the ryots settled with us and agreed to pay rent for the excess lands found in their possession at the rate at which they had previously been paying.

Haranath Dutt and six others *versus* Government.

25. In another case Government, in execution of a certificate decree against one Jadub Chunder Moostofee, had taken out of court Rs. 522-8, which were in deposit to the credit of this Jadub Chunder Moostofee on account of the surplus sale proceeds of a certain property of his. We were sued by certain persons, who claimed the deposit on the ground that they held a prior mortgage of the property. The Subordinate Judge held them to have a superior title to the deposit, and decreed the suit. No appeal was preferred. The other cases in this district were not of much importance, and need not be specially reported on.

Ram Nursing Moostofee and others *versus* Government.

26. In Rungpore there was one suit in which the plaintiffs sued to recover possession of the fishery of the river Teesta, which, it was said, had been in the possession of their father and his ancestors from long before the permanent settlement down to 1st April 1870, when Government dispossessed them. They also sued for mesne profits. We pleaded that the river Teesta was not included in the plaintiff's permanently settled estates Bykuntopore and Kharia, as alleged in the plaint, and contended that consequently the plaintiff had no right to the fishery or to mesne profits. The Court found in favour of the plaintiffs, and gave them a decree for mesne profits to the extent of Rs. 7,181-13-6. It was not considered advisable to appeal against this decision.

Rani Jogodishwari Debi *versus* Government.

27. In Backergunge we lost seven suits, which were seven of the fourteen cases referred to in paragraph 13. As already explained, the court of first instance gave modified decrees to the plaintiffs in these cases.

28. In Dacca we lost a petty case about 4 khadas of land, which the the plaintiffs claimed as belonging to their village Bahadurpore. We maintained that the land in dispute appertained to Government khas mehal Birdowli. The moonsiff of Manickgunge found on the evidence that the land in dispute belonged to the plaintiffs. We did not contest the case any further.

Nundo Lall Roy and others *versus* Government.

29. In Furreedpore we lost three cases, arising out of the proceedings of the settlement officers. In the first of these cases the plaintiff laid claim to a large tract of *chur* land, covering an area of about 549 acres, which had been resumed and assessed by the Dearah survey authorities. They alleged that the land in dispute was a re-formation *in situ* of their permanently settled estate, chur Mohun Sureshwar. We traversed these allegations of the plaintiffs and contended that the land in dispute was an accretion, and therefore liable to assessment under Act IX of 1847. The Subordinate Judge held that the plaintiffs had proved their case, and gave them a decree. We have appealed against this decision. The appeal is now pending before the Judge of Furreedpore. In the second case the plaintiffs sued for possession of 56 bigahs of land, and for confirmation of possession in 47 bigahs of land on the allegation that the land was a re-formation *in situ* of their estate, and they had been dispossessed and a cloud cast on their title by their names not being entered as jotedars at the last measurement. We pleaded limitation and denied plaintiffs' right to the land. The moonsiff found in favour of the plaintiffs. No information has been given to this office as to whether an appeal in this case has been preferred or not. The third case was one in

Fahamuddenessa Begum *versus* Government.

Uma Charn Bishnu and others *versus* Government.

which the plaintiffs claimed possession of 55 bigahs of land as belonging to their village Rajdee. This land was once measured as a portion of Government estate Kalkinee, but was afterwards released by the Collector. Since then the plaintiffs remained in possession until they were dispossessed by the khas mehal tehsildar in 1286B.E. On the plaintiffs bringing their suit against us, we admitted their right to 43 bigahs of land as a part of their estate. The case was accordingly decreed in their favour to this extent, and their claim to the remaining 12 bigahs was dismissed.

Boicunto Chunder Roy Chowdhry *versus* Government.

30. In Mymensingh modified decrees were given against us in three unimportant cases brought against Government to establish rights to small portions of land taken possession of by Government as appertaining to Government estates. In one case the Government lessee appealed to the High Court against the Subordinate Judge's decision. In the other two cases no appeals were preferred.

(1) Moharani Saratsunduri Debi *versus* Government.
(2) Kashi Kishore Roy Chowdhry *versus* Government.
(3) Tarini Cant Chuckerbutty *versus* Government.

31. In Chittagong we were wholly or partially unsuccessful in 11 suits. Three of these suits were brought to establish claims to surplus sale proceeds of estates sold by the Collector; two were brought to set aside sales by the Collector; two were brought to set aside certificates issued by the Collector under the Public Demands Recovery Act; and four of these suits were brought to set aside recent settlement proceedings in connection with the Government estate of Noabad. None of these cases are of special interest or importance. In five of these cases, the Collector preferred appeals on his own responsibility without the sanction of this office. In another case an appeal was preferred with the sanction of this office. It is now pending before the District Judge.

32. In Gya we lost three cases. These were land acquisition cases referred to the Judge under section 15, Act X of 1870. The Judge in these cases awarded a larger amount of compensation than was offered by the Collector. This office was not consulted by the Collector on the subject of these cases.

33. In Purneah a modified decree was given against us in one case—a petty suit brought against Government by a carpenter for work done by him in the Purneah Jail. We admitted our liability to the extent of Rs. 6. The court decreed the suit to this extent, and dismissed the rest of the plaintiff's claim.

34. In Tipperah we were partially unsuccessful in 55 cases. The plaintiffs brought these suits to contest their liability to pay enhanced rents. The facts of these cases are that pergunnah Burdukhat was sold for arrears of revenue in 1855 and purchased by Government. After the purchase, Jowartonki, which is part of the pergunnah, was measured, and after re-assessment was let out to the talukdars, who were allowed a talukdari allowance and collection charges. On the expiry of this settlement in 1878-79, the Jowar was remeasured and the jummabundi revised. Rents were enhanced on the ground that the area of the land was found on measurement to be greater than found before, and because the rates of rent previously paid were less than those paid for similar lands by ryots in the surrounding villages having similar advantages. Plaintiffs denied these allegations, and alleged that the reason of the increase in the area of the land was the use of a "nol," or pole of measurement, of 18 inches instead of a "nol" of 19 inches, which had been used before. The Subordinate Judge found that the taluk was liable to enhancement of rent, but that the rates fixed were higher than the rates paid by the ryots of the surrounding villages in similar circumstances. He accordingly reduced the jumma and passed modified decrees in favour of the plaintiffs. Against his decision appeals have been preferred to the Judge, and the appeals are now pending.

35. The result of wards' litigation in all the courts of Bengal during 1882-83, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

Result of wards' litigation in all courts of Bengal.

		1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards	...	1,375	1,862	1,633
Decided against Court of Wards	...	112	90	127
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	66	46	229
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	92	95	92¾

36. The decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards is due chiefly to a large number of original suits and appeals having been decided adversely to the Court of Wards in the districts of Midnapore, Backergunge, and Chittagong. They were mostly rent-suits, and, under the rules, were conducted without reference to this office.

Wards' litigation in High Court.

37. The following is a comparative statement of wards' litigation in the High Court during 1882-83:—

		1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	20	22	14
Decided against Court of Wards	...	3	4	6
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	11	8	9
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	87	84	70

The percentage of cases decided in the High Court in favour of the Court of Wards has, therefore, decreased.

38. I give below the particulars of the cases decided against the Court of Wards in the High Court.

39. This suit arose in the Hooghly district. The plaintiff sued to recover Rs. 10,359 being the patni rent of taluk Komulchak for the year 1284, with interest and costs. The defendants had failed to pay their rent due from Bysack to Ashin 1284, and their putni right was, accordingly, on the 22nd of November 1877, sold by auction under the provisions of Regulation VIII of 1819, and purchased by Peari Mohun Mookerjee for Rs. 56,000. The defendants afterwards got this sale set aside by the civil court, and the plaintiff was obliged to refund the money to the auction-purchaser; the defendants, however, did not pay their arrears for 1284, and the plaintiff, therefore, sued them for the rent. The Subordinate Judge held that as the plaintiff had not awaited the result of the appeal preferred by the auction-purchaser to the High Court against the order of the civil court, setting aside the sale, he was not entitled to interest on the arrears, but was entitled to the principal, Rs. 7,313-12-1. He, accordingly, gave him a decree for this amount. The plaintiff appealed to the High Court against the order disallowing him interest. The High Court held that the plaintiff was entitled to interest from the 1st August 1879, the date on which the defendants recovered possession, up to date; but disallowed his claim for interest for before that date.

apMaharajah of Burdwan, plaintiff, Cpellant, *versus* Monmothonath Roy thowdhry and others, minors, under he Court of Wards, and Doorga Churn Laha and others, defendants, respondents.

40. In the next case, the cause of action in which arose in the Furreedpore district, the plaintiffs claimed a share of a certain tenure which, they said, had been in the possession of their family for four generations, and from which the zemindar defendants had dispossessed them. The Moonsiff gave the plaintiffs a decree, which was, however, reversed by the Subordinate Judge. Against the decision of the Subordinate Judge, the plaintiffs preferred a second appeal. The High Court held that the zemindar defendants had never legally put an end to the plaintiffs' tenure by notice to quit or otherwise, and that, consequently, the plaintiffs should not have been dispossessed. The lower appellate court's judgment was accordingly reversed, and that of the Moonsiff restored.

Chundra Kumar Guho and Prosonno Kumar Guho, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Chandra Kumar Roy and others, minors, of Narail, under the Court of Wards Department, respondents.

41. This case arose in the Darbhanga district. The plaintiffs claimed a right of ferry across the river Nun. The defendant claimed the ferry as belonging to him. The Moonsiff held the right claimed to be an easement, and dismissed the suit on the ground that the plaintiffs had not proved user for 20 years. On appeal, the Subordinate Judge held that the right claimed was not an easement, and, therefore, as he found that the plaintiffs' right had been exercised and not interfered with for 12 years, he reversed the Moonsiff's judgment, and decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiffs. Up to this stage of the case, this office had nothing to do with it. But the

Babu Purmessari Pershad Narain Singh, and, after his death, Babu Burm Narain Pershad Singh, minor, under the Court of Wards, defendant, appellant, *versus* Moulvi Mahomed Syed and others, plaintiffs, respondents.

defendant preferred a second appeal to the High Court, who agreed with the Moonsiff as to the right claimed being an easement, and, accordingly, remanded the case to the Subordinate Judge. On this, the Subordinate Judge decreed the plaintiffs' claim. The Court of Wards again appealed to the High Court, but its appeal was dismissed on the 22nd May 1882.

Basharut Ali Chowdhry, minor, defendant, appellant, *versus* Yusop Ali Chowdhry, plaintiff, respondent.

42. This case is the case referred to in paragraph 3, in which, after appeal to the Privy Council, the parties compromised it, and the litigation came to an end.

43. The other two appeals were filed against orders passed in execution of decrees, and relate to costs of suits or mesne profits. They are not of much importance.

Wards' litigation in the lower appellate court.

44. The result of wards' litigation in the lower appellate courts during 1882-83, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows :—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	54	36	39
„ against „ „	11	27	34
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	4	1	1
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	83	57	53⅛

The decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards is principally due to seven appeals at Backergunge and seven at Shahabad having been decided against the minors. These were two sets of analogous cases. They were conducted without reference to this office.

45. I give below particulars of the 34 cases decided against the Court of Wards in the lower appellate court.

46. In Midnapore, one appeal was decided against the Court of Wards. It was conducted without reference to this office.

47. In Hooghly, one appeal was decided against a ward. Its particulars are that a certain sum of money was lent to one, Aga Abbas, by the grandfather of the minor in the name of one Huree Dassee Debee. A decree was obtained against Aga Abbas in the name of Huree Dassee, but she did not apply for execution. The suit was accordingly brought on behalf of the minor to establish his right to an eight annas share in the decree, on the ground that Huree Dassee was a *benamidar* of the minor's grandfather. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit on the ground that the money lent to Aga Abbas was not proved to belong to the minor's grandfather. On appeal, the Judge held that Huree Dassee was not a *benamidar*, and, accordingly, dismissed the appeal.

48. In the Nuddea district we lost one appeal. This was a suit brought by the Narail minors and their co-sharers for possession, with mesne profits, of three annas and four gundahs share of a taluk. The Moonsiff dismissed the suit on the ground of limitation. On appeal, the Subordinate Judge reversed the lower court's judgment. On special appeal, the High Court held that the Subordinate Judge was wrong in holding that limitation ran from the expiry of the term of the lease granted to the defendant, and found that it ran from the date on which the lessee was dispossessed. It accordingly remanded the case to the lower appellate court. The Judge, who heard the case on remand, agreed with the Moonsiff and dismissed the appeal. This case was not reported to this office when it was pending before the lower court, nor was this office informed of its result at the time it was finally disposed of.

49. There were three appeals decided against wards in the district of Rajshahye. One of them was a suit for enhancement of rent brought by the Chunchal estate. The Moonsiff dismissed the suit on the ground that the defendant proved payment of rent at the same rate for upwards of 20 years. On appeal, the District Judge found that the defendant's jotes were liable to enhancement, but as no evidence was produced as to the area of the different classes of land in the defendant's possession, the appeal was dismissed. Another was a suit for recovery of money in the hands of an agent. This suit was brought without the sanction of this office, and the result of the appeal was not reported to this office at the time of its disposal. The third case was not reported on to this office at all.

50. In Dacca, three appeals were decided against wards. They were not reported on to this office.

51. Seven appeals were decided against minors in the district of Backergunge. They were all cognate ones, and not reported to this office.

52. In Chittagong, three appeals were decided against the Court of Wards. They were not reported to this office.

53. In Tipperah, we lost two appeals. One was a rent-suit, and the other was a suit brought on behalf of the Court of Wards for recovery of money due from an agent. Neither of them was reported to this office, but the latter has been specially appealed to the High Court, and is now pending.

54. In Mozufferpore, we lost three appeals. They were suits for arrears of rent, and were not reported to this office.

55. Seven appeals were decided against the Court of Wards at Shahabad. They were appeals and cross appeals, and arose out of one subject-matter, namely, the question whether the names of the certain sharers in an estate were rightly or wrongly entered, and their shares rightly or wrongly registered, under Act VII of 1876 B.C. The cases were not reported to this office until they were appealed to the High Court, where they are now pending.

56. In Bhagulpore, one appeal was decided adversely to the Court of Wards. It was a suit brought on behalf of Ramadhin Singh, minor, for possession of eight bighas of land. The Moonsiff decreed the suit, but on appeal the Subordinate Judge reversed the Moonsiff's judgment. We then appealed to the High Court, and the case was remanded to the lower appellate court, with directions to enquire whether the land in dispute fell within the plaintiff's tenure or not. The Subordinate Judge has now dismissed the suit on the ground that there is not sufficient evidence to establish our claim.

57. In Hazaribagh, one appeal was decided against the Court of Wards. It was not reported on to this office.

58. In the 24-Pergunnahs, one appeal was decided against the Court of Wards. It was a suit brought by one Radha Mohun Mundle against the Bowali minors and their co-sharer for the recovery of Rs. 306-13, the amount alleged to have been contributed by the plaintiff towards payment of the defendants' share in the costs of a suit brought against the plaintiff and the defendants. We pleaded non-liability, as there was no mention of the wards or their predecessors' name in the decree in satisfaction of which the amount sued for was paid by the plantiff. The Moonsiff dismissed the suit, but the plaintiff appealed, and the Subordinate Judge reversed the Moonsiff's judgment and decreed the plaintiff's claim. On the institution of the suit, the written statement was submitted to, and approved of by, this office, but no further report regarding this case was made to this office. The result in the Moonsiff's and the Subordinate Judge's court was not reported to this office at the time of its disposal there.

Wards' litigation in court of first instance.

59. The following is the result of wards' cases decided in the courts of first instance in 1882-83 as compared with that of the two previous years:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	1,301	1,804	1,580
Decided against Court of Wards ...	98	59	87
Compromised or withdrawn ...	51	37	219
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	93	97	95

It will therefore be seen that the percentage of original suits decided in favour of Court of Wards, though slightly less than last year, is still very good. Further, the result of 144 out of the 219 cases, shown as compromised, was really favourable to us, as the defendants to these suits, which arose in the district of Julpigori, satisfied the claims of the Court of Wards out of court.

60. Most of the 87 original cases decided against the Court of Wards were rent-suits and suits of a small cause nature, which, under rule 16 of the Civil Suit Rules, were conducted without reference to this office. I give below particulars of the only cases, which are of any interest.

Nawab Asanulla *versus* Basharat Ali Chowdhry.

61. This case arose in the Tipperah district, and was brought by the Nawab Asanulla Khan Bahadur against our lunatic ward, Syed Basharat Ali Chowdhry. The

plaintiff sought to eject the defendant from a holding, which was held without any settlement from him. We pleaded limitation and long possession. The court, however, decreed the plaintiff's suit against this decision. We have filed an appeal which is now pending before the Judge.

62. These cases arose in the Moorshedabad district, and were brought by the late sub-manager of the Nushipore and Byashpore estates for recovery of money which, he alleged, had been unfairly realized from him by threat of imprisonment. We pleaded that the plaintiff had, on behalf of the estates, collected the money claimed by him, but had not accounted for it, although repeatedly called on to do. The court, however, decreed his claims. No appeals were filed.

1. Ram Lall Roy *versus* Runjit Singh, minor, and
2. Ram Lall Roy *versus* Janoki Nath Singh, minor.

63. Another case was brought by Rai Dhanput Singh Bahadoor against the Byashpore estate for recovery of Rs. 1,197, on the basis of a *hundi* executed by the late ward Jamuna Kumari, adoptive mother of the present ward Runjit Singh. It was pleaded, on behalf of the minor, that the loan was never contracted, and if contracted, that the plaintiff was aware that Jamuna Kumari's estate was then under the Court of Wards; that she had no occasion to borrow money, and that the plaintiff was not justified in lending her any without the consent of the Court of Wards, and that the estate of the present minor was not liable for the debt so incurred. The Subordinate Judge, however, decreed the suit. An appeal has been preferred.

Rai Dhanput Singh Bahadur *versus* Runjit Singh, minor.

64. The following table shows the amounts of Government decrees recovered during the year 1882-83 and the two preceding years:—

Government decrees.

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	7,10,495	7,10,934	6,73,982
Realized during the year ...	39,953	53,197	14,997
Percentage of recovery ...	5⅗	7½	2¼

The explanation of the great decrease in the percentage of the amount realized this year is that in 1881-82, there was a large sum of Rs. 37,225 realized from the Canning Municipality. No such large lump sum has been realized this year. If this sum of Rs. 37,225 be left out of consideration in calculating the percentage of realizations in 1881-82, the percentage for this year will contrast favourably with that of the last. Irrespective of the outstanding decrees against the Canning municipal estate, there was a balance of about Rs. 57,472 due to Government on decrees at the close of the year. The details of the heaviest balances are as follows.

65. In Beerbhoom, there is an outstanding balance of Rs. 8,233. Of this amount, Rs. 6,919 are due from one Ramnath Sircar. Execution was this year taken out against his property, which was attached, but it was released on a claim to it being preferred on behalf of his son. The Collector states that unless a regular suit be instituted, there is no probability of recovering the amount. The Collector has been asked to report as to the advisability of instituting such a suit. Of the balance, a sum of Rs. 560 is being realized by instalments. The remainder, Rs. 755, is said to be irrecoverable, as the person from whom this amount is due is said to possess no property, and all attempts to arrest him have failed.

66. In Bancoorah, there is an outstanding balance of Rs. 4,990. Of this amount, Rs. 4,819 are due from a person named Ashootosh Ghosh, whose appeal was decided only on the 13th September 1882. Enquiries are being made as to his property. The remaining amounts are being realized by instalments.

67. In Midnapore, the outstanding decrees amount to Rs. 7,207, but appeals are pending with regard to Rs. 5,494 of this sum. In decrees of the value of Rs. 1,363, the property of the judgment-debtors has been attached; but claims have been preferred. A sum of Rs. 163 is being paid voluntarily. A sum of Rs. 88 is reported to be irrecoverable.

68. In Gya, Government has outstanding decrees of the amount of Rs. 14,153. Of this sum, Rs. 12,853 are due from one Behari Sahoo, and, as

reported in paragraph 41 of last year's report, all attempts to realize this amount have failed. The Collector promises to submit a special report on the matter. A sum of Rs. 600 is said to be irrecoverable, and the balance is under realization.

69. In Sarun, there is a balance of Rs. 3,589. Of this amount, Rs. 1,100 will shortly be realized from surplus sale-proceeds, which are in deposit at the credit of the debtors. About Rs. 1,000 were decreed only at the end of 1882. No steps have yet been taken to realize this amount. The balance is being realized by the attachment and sale of the debtors' property.

70. In Manbhoom, there is a balance of Rs. 3,176. Out of this amount Rs. 72 have been realized, but not credited in the treasury. Rs. 92 will be realized shortly. Rs. 25 are irrecoverable. In decrees for Rs. 2,200, the debtors apparently having no property, notices offering rewards of half the amount to be realized, for information on the subject, have been issued. The remainder is under realization.

Wards' decrees.

71. The following table shows the amounts, due under wards' decrees, recovered during the year 1882-83 as compared with the amounts recovered during the two preceding years:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	8,23,760	9,25,420	9,77,868
Realized during the year ...	1,65,559	2,66,941	2,15,910
Percentage of recovery ...	20	28⅘	22 1/12

The decrease in the percentage of realizations is owing to little or nothing having been realized in some districts; for instance, in Backergunge, where there are outstanding decrees for sums amounting to Rs. 2,494, absolutely nothing has been realized this year. In Midnapore, out of a total demand of Rs. 1,10,000, only Rs. 3,700 have been realized. Similarly, in Rajshahye, out of Rs. 39,000, only Rs. 3,300 have been realized. In Monghyr, too, out of Rs. 9,000, a sum of Rs. 100 only has been realized.

72. The heaviest balances are in the following districts:—

	Rs.
Rajshahye—	
Chowgong estate	18,002
Julpigori—	
Cooch Behar estate	40,660
Midnapore—	
Nischinta estate	13,201
Moishadal estate	34,586
Khetrohat estate	11,095
Jessore—	
Narail estate	86,640
Moorshedabad—	
A. N. Roy's estate	66,876
Khoolna—	
Satkhira estate	45,892
Durbhanga—	
Nurhan estate	48,345
Lohardugga—	
Chota Nagpore estate	61,435

73. Of the balance of Rs. 18,002 outstanding in Rajshahye, a large portion, viz., Rs. 10,000, was decreed in 1881-82, and steps have only recently been taken to realize this amount. As to the remainder, the Collector apprehends that a large amount will have to be recommended for remission. He proposes personally to enquire into the circumstances of the debtors during his next cold-weather tour.

74. The outstanding balance in Julpigori is large; but the manager of the Cooch Behar estate reports that he expects to realize a large portion of it shortly.

75. The largest amount outstanding in Midnapore is due to the Moishadal estate. Of this amount, one Joy Narain Giri owes Rs. 21,825. This man owed the estate upwards of Rs. 56,000, of which about Rs. 12,000 have been realized from him from 1875 up to date. A sum of Rs. 21,646 has been remitted, and endeavours are being made to recover the remainder. As to the balance of of Rs. 13,201, due to the Nischinta estate, in the same district, a sum of Rs. 6,624 is due from one Narayan Bera, who has got no property. The Collector says that the amount will ultimately have to be remitted. Rs. 2,066 are due from one Ekram Russool, who is a Government servant, and the amount is being realized by the attachment of his salary. The remainder is under process of recovery. To the third estate in Midnapore, viz., the Khetrohat estate, there is a balance of Rs. 11,098 due. Of this amount, a sum of Rs. 7,760 is due from one Anundo Moyee Debee. In execution of this decree the debtor's property was attached, but the sale was stayed by order of the High Court, as she appealed against the lower court's judgment. Steps are being taken for the realization of the remainder.

76. In the district of Jessore, there is a balance of Rs. 86,640 due to the Narail estate. No explanation has been given by the Collector as to what steps have been taken for the realization of this amount. Information on this point is generally given in the half-yearly statement, but the statement for the half-year ending on the 31st March last has not been submitted to this office up to date.

77. In Moorshedabad, there is a balance of Rs. 66,876 due to the Cossimbazar estate of A. N. Roy. Of this amount, upwards of Rs. 50,000 are due on account of old decrees dating from 1860, that is, from before the time when the estate came under the Court of Wards. Some of the decrees are now barred by limitation. In many cases the judgment-debtors have no property. A large amount will consequently have to be remitted. The remainder is under process of realization.

78. In Khoolna, the decrees outstanding, due to the Satkhira estate, amount to Rs. 45,892. This amount has to be realized in several districts of the Presidency and Burdwan divisions. Owing to change of jurisdiction in the courts, consequent on the creation of a new district at Khoolna, many decrees have had to be transferred from one district to another, and hence, no very active steps could be taken for the realization of the decrees this year. Further, the manager of the estate reports that many of the decrees are bad and irrecoverable.

79. In Durbhanga, there is a sum of Rs. 45,345 due to the Nurhan estate. No explanation has been given in the annual statement of the non-realization of this amount. The half-yearly statement ending 31st March 1883, in which the explanation should be given, has not as yet been submitted.

80. The outstanding decrees due to the Chota Nagpore estate in Lohardugga amount to Rs. 61,435. Of this amount, about Rs. 23,000 were decreed in favour of the estate during the past year. A portion of the amount has been paid since the close of the year. In many cases judgment-debtors have executed instalment bonds for payment of the decrees, and a large amount of the balance is said to be under the Encumbered Estates Department.

Incumbency of Legal Remembrancership and District Government Pleaderships.

81. Mr. T. T. Allen was in charge of the office during the whole year under report. I, therefore, labour under the disadvantage of having no personal knowledge of the litigation, on which I report.

82. There has been no change in the incumbents of the office of District Government Pleader during the year under review.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

R. F. RAMPINI,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.						Pending.	
		Favourable.		Unfavourable.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.			
	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.									
High Court	136	.....	.....	1	750	.....	.....	135	4,868
Zillah appeals	679	370	11,144	306	6,692	1	1,200	2	279
Original suits	35	8	1,491	1	666	21	9,893	5	14,379
Total ...	850	378	12,635	308	8,108	22	11,093	142	19,526
(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.									
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	112
Zillah appeals	4	4	2,194	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	40
Total ...	6	4	2,194	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	152
(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.									
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	218
Zillah appeals	15	2	38	.....	.....	1	25	12	1,448
Original suits	69	41	12,396	4	1,409	1	40	23	20,923
Total ...	85	43	12,434	4	1,409	2	65	36	22,589
(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	391
Original suits	3	2	391	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	195
Total ...	5	2	391	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	586
(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local Agents or other authorities.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pension, fees, &c., &c.									
High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	582
Zillah appeals	4	3	1,021	1	311	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	.....	.....	1	26	.....	.....	3	1,133
Total ...	9	3	1,021	2	337	.....	.....	4	1,715
(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied or for the recovery of receipts of rent or for exoneration from unjust demand.									
High Court	1	.....	.....	1	53	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	36	.....	.....	14	1,931	7	6,775	15	1,574
Original suits	132	51	4,193	72	15,248	1	90	8	9,252
Total ...	169	51	4,193	87	17,232	8	6,865	23	10,826
(9) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account or value of property or purchase-money.									
High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	666	1	.....
Zillah appeals	11	1	47	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	6,534
Original suits	62	34	23,504	3	1,582	11	437	14	18,658
Total ...	75	35	23,551	3	1,582	12	1,103	25	25,192
(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.									
High Court	19	4	14,969	2	1,136	3	5,812	10	1,54,474
Zillah appeals	18	6	1,186	2	1,214	2	350	8	4,844
Original suits	89	25	20,134	9	36,798	6	11,912	49	1,03,138
Total ...	126	35	36,289	13	39,148	11	18,074	67	2,62,456
(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro forma*.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	2	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	68
Total ...	3	2	83	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	68

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised or remanded.	

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liablity, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	9	5	80,842	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	49,717
Zillah appeals	8	6	2,624	1	90	.....	.....	1	31
Original suits	21	9	77,521	5	647	.....	.....	7	1,19,292
Total ...	38	20	1,60,987	6	737	.....	.....	12	1,69,040

(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	132
Zillah appeals	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,611
Original suits	4	2	1,773	.....	.....	1	135	1	.....
Total ...	7	3	1,773	.....	.....	1	135	3	1,743

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	600
Zillah appeals	2	2	621	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	155
Total ...	7	3	821	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	755

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the civil court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrahs or the imposition of fines.

High Court	3	1	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3,745
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	1,656	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	5	2	1,800	1	1,656	.....	.....	2	3,745

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,100
Zillah appeals	3	3	229	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	2	136	.....	.....	1	55	1	814
Total ...	8	5	365	.....	.....	1	55	2	1,914

C.

Cases in which Government is plaintiff.

	Total.	Decision.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	186	186	6,249	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	62	62	1,888	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	248	248	8,137	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,461
Total ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,461

(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt or for damages.

High Court	7	4	59,166	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	45,171
Zillah appeals	5	3	505	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,793
Original suits	39	19	30,924	1	1,014	3	4,715	16	2,76,348
Total ...	51	26	90,595	1	1,014	3	4,715	21	3,24,312

(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	3	1	4,312	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	13,730
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	30	14	497	6	2,067	.....	.....	10	706
Total ...	33	15	4,809	6	2,067	.....	.....	12	14,436

(9) Interpleader suit under section 470 Act XIV of 1882.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,075
Total ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,075

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party disposed of and pend in the year 1882-83.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.												
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1882.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1883.	Number pending on the 31st March 1882.	Number instituted from the 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.	Total.	In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1883.	Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.
				Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.						Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.			
High Court ...	... (a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32	154	186	2	13	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	2	23	163	2
Bankoorah ...	1	6	7	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	2	2	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Beerbhoom ...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan ...	...	5	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	4	3	7	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...
Hooghly ...	1	4	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Midnapore ...	19	13	32	1	8	...	2	...	12	...	1	24	8	647	2	649	1	340	...	304	...	...	...	...	...	...	645	4	...
Jessore ...	5	2	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khoolna ...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea ...	1	2	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	15	10	25	1	2	1	11	1	6	...	...	22	3	1	7	8	...	1	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...
Bogra ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna ...	1	6	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	5	4	1	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...
Rajshahye ...	1 (b)	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Rungpore ...	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Darjeeling ...	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree ...	... (c)	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ...	17	12	29	...	14	...	7	...	...	...	...	21	8	1	14	15	...	...	...	14	...	...	...	1	...	...	15	...	...
Dacca ...	3	6	9	...	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Furreedpore ...	2	6	8	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh ...	2	3	5	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	3	2	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Chittagong ...	24	88	112	...	68	...	11	...	1	...	...	80	32	13	23	36	1	10	1	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	14	22	1
Noakholly ...	18 (d)	5	23	...	4	...	...	...	17	...	...	21	2	26	5	31	29	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31	...	1
Tipperah ...	94	7	101	...	38	...	55	...	1	...	...	94	7	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...
Chumparun ...	... (e)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Durbhunga ...	1	62	63	62	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	63	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya ...	2 (f)	12	14	...	6	...	3	...	1	...	...	10	4	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Mozufferpore ...	...	3	3	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	1	187	188	186	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	187	1	1
Sarun ...	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Shahabad ...	5	12	17	11	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	1	1	4	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...
Patna ...	11	18	29	11	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	18	11	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	...
Bhagulpore ...	1	4	5	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah ...	...	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr ...	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah ...	...	4	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore ...	...	4	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Pooree ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Manbhoom ...	...	5	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singbhoom ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	229	337	566	92	182	4	98	3	41	...	1	421	145	739	423	1,162	224	378	7	322	7	3	...	1	1	3	946	216	6

(a) The difference of one case is owing to Government not having appeared in it.
(b) This case was shown as pending at Julpigoree last year.
(c) Transferred to Rungpore, see explanation (b).
(d) The difference is owing to a mistake made last year in showing four cases as pending, when they were really disposed of last year.
(e) This case was shown as pending at Mozufferpore last year.
(f) Transferred to Durbhunga (see explanation (e) above).

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1*st April* 1882 *to* 31*st March* 1883.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous suits.	Total.
Burdwan	Burdwan	5	.....	.....	5	.....	98	3	15	116
	Beerbhoom	62	.....	.....	62	.....	.....	43	11	54
	Bankoora	96	4,011	.....	4,107	.....	1,456	77	21	1,554
	Midnapore	458	.....	.....	458	.....	233	1,233	163	1,629
	Hooghly	46	486	.....	532	.....	39	36	36	111
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	2,490	.....	46	2,536	662	52	713	856	2,283
	Nuddea	20	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	5	242	247
	Jessore	59	.....	.....	59	.....	34	1	42	77
	Khoolna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	4	.....	26
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	137	1,739	.....	22	1,898
	Scounderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	32	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	2	2
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	.....	.....	.....	447	98	1,085	6	1,636
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	.....	149
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	211	.....	.....	211	64	83	1,129	85	1,361
	Mymensingh	1,170	.....	.....	1,170	381	92	5	.....	478
	Furreedpore	556	.....	.....	556	.....	.....	658	291	949
	Backergunge	1,061	.....	.....	1,061	267	15	1,282	233	1,797
Patna	Patna	36	.....	.....	36	1,416	26	.....	198	1,640
	Mozufferpore	707	.....	.....	707	.....	.....	29	6	35
	Gya	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	19	75
	Durbhunga	358	.....	.....	358	.....	1,287	22	141	1,450
	Shahabad	27	.....	.....	27	.....	35	45	6	86
	Sarun	468	.....	.....	468	.....	.....	4	1,822	1,826
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,706	16	.....	2,722
	Maldah	.....	.....	8	8	.....	192	76	.....	268
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	58	61
	Dumka	308	.....	.....	308	.....	.....	.....	6	6
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	488	.....	.....	488	.....	334	201	.....	535
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	117	.....	.....	71	188
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	.....	178
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	26
Chittagong	Chittagong	232	.....	.....	232	.....	184	2,468	71	2,723
	Noakholly	379	.....	.....	379	762	22	1,939	.....	2,723
	Tipperah	71	.....	.....	71	.....	43	1,129	2	1,174
	Total	9,340	4,497	54	13,891	4,256	8,968	12,434	4,429	30,087

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1*st April* 1882 *to* 31*st March* 1883.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on 1st April 1883.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1882.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.			Total.			Realized during 1882-83.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	427	.....	.....	302	1	.....	729	1	.....	4	1	.....	725	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	725	.....	.....
	Beerbhoom	6,428	(h) 1,428	67	.....	371	.....	6,428	1,799	67	47	7	7	6,381	1,792	60	.....	.....	.....	6,381	1,792	60
	Bankoora	3,679	327	98	6,031	242	10	9,710	569	108	4,102	2	3	5,608	567	105	1,113	85	92	4,495	482	13
	Midnapore	1,328	746	175	5,335	27	54	6,663	773	229	390	20	48	6,273	753	181	.....	.....	.....	6,273	753	181
	Hooghly	341	.....	32	503	7	.....	844	7	32	526	5	.....	318	2	32	238	.....	32	85	2	.....
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	4,54,016	1,37,584	68	787	63	.....	4,54,803	1,37,647	68	2,499	.....	37	4,52,304	1,37,647	31	378	110	3	4,51,926	1,37,537	28
	Nuddea	15	15	109	.....	.....	7	15	15	116	.....	.....	20	15	15	96	.....	.....	.....	15	15	96
	Jessore	(a) 273	41	(a) 1	.....	30	29	273	71	30	59	.....	.....	214	71	30	191	71	6	28	.....	24
	Khoolna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	(b) 30	.....	.....	597	.....	.....	627	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	595	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	595
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	.....	21	1,569	.....	91	99	.....	112	1,668	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	1,668	.....	.....	.....	.....	112	1,668
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	(c) 682	12	.....	411	7	8	1,093	19	8	204	7	.....	889	12	8	.....	.....	.....	889	12	8
	Mymensingh	848	92	186	.....	24	19	848	117	205	848	117	205	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Furreedpore	16	2	4	497	4	55	513	6	59	497	4	55	16	2	4	.....	.....	.....	16	2	4
	Backergunge	(d) 1,860	46	16	421	60	161	2,281	106	177	777	.....	40	1,504	106	137	.....	.....	5	1,504	106	132
Patna	Patna	251	14	8	472	.....	5	723	14	13	25	.....	7	694	14	6	42	.....	.....	652	14	6
	Mozufferpore	1,484	327	(e) 79	20	6	109	1,504	333	188	685	.....	22	819	333	166	.....	.....	.....	819	333	166
	Gya	10,454	1,245	1,727	87	627	13	10,541	1,872	1,740	.....	.....	.....	10,541	1,872	1,740	.....	.....	.....	10,541	1,872	1,740
	Durbhunga	(f) 513	.....	(f) 31	447	.....	9	960	.....	40	945	.....	40	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....
	Shahabad	822	.....	.....	162	1	1	984	1	1	25	1	1	959	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	959	.....	.....
	Sarun	2,103	93	20	1,583	167	91	3,686	260	111	459	9	.....	3,227	251	111	.....	.....	.....	3,227	251	111
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	2,671	70	6	.....	.....	.....	2,671	70	6	.....	.....	.....	2,671	70	6	2,671	70	6	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	1,635	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1,643	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,635	.....	.....
	Purneah	150	.....	.....	198	.....	.....	358	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358	.....	.....
	Dumka	.....	.....	(g) 302	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	308	.....	.....	308	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	9,196	1,617	474	91	166	155	9,287	1,783	629	312	56	120	8,975	1,727	509	6,597	1,290	148	2,378	437	361
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	709	212	201	.....	3	12	709	215	213	483	91	151	226	124	62	50	56	15	176	68	47
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong	(a) 1,221	.....	(a) 75	599	39	72	1,820	39	147	212	3	17	1,608	36	130	.....	.....	.....	1,608	36	130
	Noakholly	35	.....	387	.....	.....	310	35	.....	697	.....	.....	379	35	.....	318	35	.....	304	.....	.....	4
	Tipperah	1,320	.....	58	13	15	43	1,333	15	101	42	15	14	1,291	.....	87	.....	.....	.....	1,291	.....	87
	Total	5,02,487	1,43,893	5,763	17,992	1,951	1,896	5,20,479	1,45,844	7,659	13,153	338	1,506	5,07,326	1,45,506	6,153	11,310	1,682	611	4,96,016	1,43,824	5,542

(a) The discrepancies are owing to inclusion of costs with the principal in the statement of last year. The total outstanding balance of column 7 of last year's statement, however, agrees with that of column 2 of this statement.
(b) The discrepancy is owing to the exclusion of Rs. 32 as the case in which the amount was due has been appealed, and of Rs. 6 which was inadvertently included by the Collector in his last year's statement.
(c) The discrepancy is owing to Rs. 277 decreed by the High Court in 1881-82 having been added to the principal.
(d) The increase of Rs. 3 is owing to costs awarded by the Appellate Court having been added.
(e) The difference is owing to subsequent reduction of costs ordered by the Court.
(f) The difference is owing to Rs. 49 "principal" and Rs. 31 "costs" not having been struck out of the statement of last year, as should have been done.
(g) The difference is owing to Rs. 150 awarded by the Appellate Court not having been entered in the last year's statement. This omission was a mistake.
(h) The discrepancy is due to the exclusion of fractions of a rupee.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amount decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1883.

I.

neral abstract statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1882-83.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.												
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1882.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1883.	Number pending on the 31st March 1882.	Number instituted from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1883.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 31	35	66	3	11	1	5	...	...	...	7	1	1	29	37	1
Burdwan	2	9	11	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	10	1	1	3	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Midnapore	6	273	279	234	4	12	4	3	3	7	2	269	10	3	1	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...
Hooghly	5	13	18	4	1	2	2	1	...	...	...	10	8	(b) 2	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	1
24-Perguunahs ...	11	8	19	13	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	17	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Nuddea	2 (c)	38	40	37	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	39	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Jessore	12	150	162	142	4	4	...	4	...	3	1	158	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khoolna	...	110	110	71	3	...	...	23	...	...	...	97	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	9	13	22	14	...	1	3	...	...	...	1	19	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Dinagepore	...	15	15	7	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	9	6	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Rajshahye	2	6	8	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	5	2	5	7	2	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	3
Rungpore	3	4	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Pubna	1	12	13	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigori	70	704	774	521	...	...	...	144	...	1	...	666	108	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	1	13	14	6	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	10	4	3	2	5	...	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	2
Furreedpore	9	1	10	5	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	10	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Backergunge... ...	8	52	60	44	1	2	13	...	...	...	...	60	...	...	8	8	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	7
Mymensingh... ...	4	4	8	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	...	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	...	277	277	215	15	2	7	...	1	1	...	243	34	...	15	15	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	10	...
Chittagong	9	28	37	6	8	1	11	...	...	...	...	26	11	7	10	17	1	4	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	9	1
Noakhally	2	4	6	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	(d)	(Estate released.)																											
Shahabad	2	...	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	7	1	8	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	4
Durbhangah	(e) 2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mozufferpore... ...	(f) 1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	4	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	3
Monghyr	(g)	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Maldah	1	14	15	10	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	9	9	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	4	5	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Cuttack	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	3	81	84	66	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	70	14	...	11	11	...	8	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	2	...
Manbhoom	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	6	119	125	91	4	1	...	16	...	...	...	112	13	...	13	13	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	...
TOTAL ...	173	1,966	2,139	1,520	60	34	53	192	7	13	7	1,886	253	62	115	177	10	43	23	17	...	...	1	7	1	1	103	74	22

(a) The difference of one case is owing to an estate having been released from the jurisdiction of the Court of Wards.
(b) One of these cases was actually pending at the close of last year, but was not shown as such by the Collector.
(c) The other five cases were not instituted during the year 1881-82, but were instituted after the close of the year.
(d) Estate released, and therefore the pending case has not been brought forward in this return.
(e) These two cases were shown as pending at Mozufferpore last year.
(f) The other two cases have been shown at Durbhunga.
(g) The pending case of last year has not been brought forward, as the Court of Wards did not appear and defend the suit.

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Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Court, from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hooghly ...	Ward's estate	3,911	.....	... ..	3,911	.....	1,062	15	.....	.....	1,077
Burdwan ...	Khandari estate	2,653	.....	22	2,675	.....	12	12	.....	219	243
Bankoora ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,240	.....	.. ..,	1,240
Midnapore	Malighati estate	1,352	.....	.....	1,352	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	43
	Nischinta ,, ...	631	.....	.....	631	.....	162	109	.....	97	368
	Moishadul ,, ...	993	.....	.....	993	.....	420	36	.....	211	667
	Berabariah ,, ...	297	.....	.....	297	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Khetrahat ,, ...	427	.....	.....	427	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11
	Total ...	3,700	.....	.....	3,700	.....	582	145	.....	362	1,089
Jessore ...	Bogchur estate	.....	.....	3,584	3,584	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,415	1,415
	Naruil ,, ...	31,341	.....	.....	31,341	1,300	3,491	158	.....	522	5,471
	Ramnugger ,, ...	25	.....	2,474	2,499	.....	541	87	.....	90	718
	Total ...	31,366	.....	6,058	37,424	1,300	4,032	245	.....	2,027	7,604
Khoolna ...	Satkhira estate	5,645	.....	.....	5,645	118	3,092	145	.....	394	3,749
Moorsheda-bad ...	Nashipore estate (mal)	650	.....	.....	650	312	37	150	.....	.....	499
	Ditto ,, (de-butter).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	495	6	.....	.....	501
	Byashpore estate ...	168	.....	.....	168	196	228	240	.....	.....	664
	A. N. Roy's ,, ...	19,482	.....	.....	19,482	384	9,714	263	.....	5,104	15,465
	Choan ,, ...	41	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	20,341	.....	.....	20,341	892	10,474	659	.....	5,104	17,129
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate	5,478	.....	.....	5,478	.....	1,134	.....	.....	619	1,753
24-Pergunnahs ...	Halisahar estate ...	50	.....	.....	50	.....	11	.....	.....	201	212
	Bawali ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Burranagore ,, ...	186	.....	11,681	11,867	.....	.....	2	.....	606	608
	Bhawanipore ,, ...	16	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	18
	Ditto attached estate.	693	.....	.....	693	.....	.....	12	.....	157	169
	Total ...	945	.....	11,681	12,626	.....	11	14	... ..	982	1,007
Rungpore ...	Burdhunkotee estate ...	389	.....	.....	389	.....	25	3	.....	.....	28
	Kamarpukur ,, ...	1,203	.....	.....	1,203	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	35
	Total ...	1,592	.....	.....	1,592	... ..	60	3	.....	.....	63
Dinagepore	Churamun estate ...	806	.....	.....	806	40	432	60	.....	63	595
	Kolanderpore ,, ...	630	.....	.....	630	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	16	.....	.....	16	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	46
	Total ...	1,452	.....	.....	1,452	40	478	60	.....	63	641
Rajshahye	Chowgong estate ...	2,217	.....	.....	2,217	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
	Gobindpore ,, ...	90	.....	.....	90	.....	205	.....	.....	96	301
	Moinam ,, ...	377	.....	.....	377	.....	.....	45	.....	24	69
	Putea ,, ...	352	.....	2	354	41	139	.....	.....	455	635
	Tahirpore ,, (junior)	398	.....	.....	398	.....	104	.....	.....	.....	104
	Total ...	3,434	.....	2	3,436	41	450	45	.....	575	1,111
Julpigoree...	Cooch Behar estate ...	72,909	.....	... ..	72,909	.....	8,210	.....	.....	.....	8,210
Dacca ...	Ward's estate	2,054	.....	.....	2,054	395	594	1,007	.....	124	2,120
Furreedpore	Ward's estate	500	.....	.....	500	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
Mymensingh	Jagat Kishore Acharjee's estate.	3,903	4,780	.....	8,683	.....	.....	364	.....	3,325	3,689
Backergunge	Bepin Behari Das' estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2
Tipperah ...	Basharut Ali Chowdry's estate.	249	.....	.....	249	.....	98	372	.....	3,431	3,901
Noakhally	Ananga Mohun Mozoomdar's estate.	.....	.....	56	56	.....	.....	1	.....	67	68
	Courjon estate ...	122	.....	49	171	.....	332	1,252	.....	1,287	2,871
	Gunga Churn Mozoomdar's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	66
	Total ...	122	.....	105	227	.....	332	1,253	.....	1,420	3,005
Chittagong	Hedait Ali Chowdry's estate.	.....	.....	64	64	64	40	.....	.....	8	112
	Romesh Chunder Chowdry's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	13	5	65
	Magon Das Roy's estate	.....	.....	20	20	239	.....	.....	.....	.....	239
	Nyantara's estate ...	.....	.....	182	182	106	.....	.....	.....	110	216
	Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	.....	.....	98	98	99	18	.....	.....	12	129
	Fuzl Ahmed's estate ...	.....	.....	288	288	8	.....	.....	.....	56	64
	Asad Ali Khan's ,, ...	.....	.....	35	35	29	350	.....	.....	58	437
	Total ...	.....	.....	687	687	592	408	.....	13	249	1,262

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District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Durbhunga...	Nurhan estate	10,636	.....	.....	10,636	544	357	122	.....	2,199	3,222
Saeun	Ward's estates	Released.									
Shahabad ...	Despatty Sing's estate ...	559	.....	.....	559	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	104
	Raghunandan Prosad's estate.	324	.....	.....	324	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	883	.....	.....	883	.....	.....	.....	.....	104	104
Patna ...	Debipershad Lunatic's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	10	50	.....	1	99
	Bhagbat Narayan's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	16
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	10	66	.....	1	115
Monghyr ...	Phulberiah estate ...	.....	.....	101	101	.....	.....	.....	.....	165	165
Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	54	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	21	.....	157	178
	Surjapore ,, ...	376	.....	12	388	.....	617	16	.....	3	636
	Total ...	430	.....	12	442	.....	617	37	.....	160	814
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate ...	514	.....	.....	514	.....	128	.....	.....	34	162
Bhagulpore	Ward's estate	177	.....	.....	177	.....	233	.....	.....	194	427
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate	448	.....	2,775	3,223	130	1,004	.....	.....	3,575	4,709
	Jeridah ,, ...	.....	.....	90	90	.....	147	.....	.....	187	334
	Serampore ,, ...	172	.....	829	1,001	.....	490	.....	.....	528	1,018
	Total ...	620	.....	3,694	4,314	130	1,641	.....	.....	4,290	6,061
Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate ...	47	.....	15,153	15,200	.....	500	10	.....	4,746	5,256
	Deogan ,, ...	Released.									
	Punjri Kallan ,, ...	.....	.....	52	52	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10
	Total ...	47	.....	15,205	15,252	.....	510	10	.....	4,746	5,266
	Grand Total ...	1,73,561	4,780	37,567	2,15,908	4,151	34,527	5,814	13	30,787	75,292

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the Amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1882.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Presidency.	Hooghly ...	Ward's estate	4,243	478	1,133	2,009	52	588	6,252	530	1,721
Burdwan.	Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	1,407	1,172	331	1,056	1,338	322	2,463	2,510	653
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapal estate ...	225	88	22	.....	.....	4	225	88	26
		Beraberiah ,, ...	(a)2,103	(a)650	(a)278	.....	.....	.....	2,103	650	278
		Nischinta ,, ...	17,927	697	610	.....	302	206	17,927	999	816
		Malighati ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	8,791	737	520	8,791	737	520
		Turkua ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	30	9	16	30	9	16
		Beluria ,, ...	1,163	123	167	.....	70	9	1,163	193	176
		Moishadal ,, ...	44,509	15,258	2,814	1,798	52	412	46,307	15,310	3,226
		Khetrahat ,, ...	(a)10,263	(a)616	(a)643	.....	.....	.....	10,263	616	643
		Total ...	76,190	17,432	4,534	10,619	1,170	1,167	86,809	18,602	5,701
	Jessore ...	Bagchur estate ...	1,006	824	208	4,375	536	931	5,381	1,360	1,139
		Narail ,, ...	65,569	10,903	8,419	23,334	4,953	4,855	88,903	15,856	13,274
		Ramnugger ,, ...	4,046	2,529	1,521	265	431	624	4,311	2,960	2,145
		Total ...	70,621	14,256	10,148	27,974	5,920	6,410	98,595	20,176	16,558
	Moorshedabad	Nashipore estate (mal).	2,689	1,424	684	257	70	347	2,946	1,494	1,031
		Nashipore estate (de-butter).	.....	.....	429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429
		Byashpore	97	62	7	38	9	11	135	71	18
		Choan estate ...	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	41
		Cossim Bazar ,, of A. N. Roy (minor).	1,21,174	37,887	8,490	10,233	5,029	3,731	1,31,407	42,916	12,221
		Total ...	1,23,960	39,373	9,639	10,528	5,108	4,101	1,34,488	44,481	13,740
	Khoolna ...	Satkhira estate ...	(a)48,290	(a)20,680	(a)9,832	1,672	941	1,175	49,962	21,621	11,007
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	6,014	1,035	1,183	5,091	834	1,340	11,105	1,869	2,523
	24-Pergunnahs	Halishahar estate ...	46	1	55	.....	2	7	46	3	62
		Bawali ,, ...	841	57	532	.....	.....	.....	841	57	532
		Burranagore ,, ...	9,195	2,005	1,617	355	26	143	9,550	2,031	1,760
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	2,482	27	115	15	20	27	2,497	47	142
		Ditto attached estate.	1,007	3	13	242	35	74	1,249	38	87
		Total ...	13,571	2,093	2,332	612	83	251	14,183	2,176	2,583
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore ...	Churamun estate ...	1,466	.....	42	1,122	72	279	2,588	72	321
		Kolunderpore ,, ...	1,138	250	159	.....	.....	.....	1,138	250	159
		Sunkerpore ,, ...	147	798	786	282	2	46	429	800	832
		Total ...	2,751	1,048	987	1,404	74	325	4,155	1,122	1,312
	Rungpore ...	Burdhunkotee estate...	622	194	38	.....	.....	.....	622	194	38
		Kamarpukur ,, ...	1,613	.....	68	19	.....	31	1,632	.....	99
		Total ...	2,235	194	106	19	.....	31	2,254	194	137
	Rajshahye ...	Chowgong estate ...	14,376	2,037	1,133	2,023	149	501	16,399	2,186	1,634
		Gobindpore ,, ...	97	29	27	.....	.....	.....	97	29	27
		Mainam ,, ...	319	31	66	.....	.....	.....	319	31	66
		Putea ,, ...	8,069	102	228	.....	98	151	8,069	200	379
		Tahirpore (Junior) ...	6,862	1,081	147	854	4	941	7,716	1,085	1,088
		Total ...	29,723	3,280	1,601	2,877	251	1,593	32,600	3,531	3,194
	Julpigori ...	Cooch Behar estate ...	(a)38,231	(a)8,817	(a)5,687	46,745	11,186	6,910	84,976	20,003	12,597
Dacca.	Dacca ...	Ward's estate	5,652	351	97	1,791	316	501	7,443	667	598
	Furreedpore ...	Ward's estate	28	17	22	1,802	288	380	1,830	305	402
	Mymensingh ...	Juggut Kishore Acharjee.	7,234	2,467	3,958	1,851	710	442	9,085	3,177	4,400
	Backergunge ...	Bepin Behari Dass ...	1,060	177	205	.....	.....	.....	1,060	177	205
		Huno Kumar Dass ...	966	2	84	.....	.....	.....	966	2	84
		Total ...	2,026	179	289	.....	.....	.....	2,026	179	289
Chittagong.	Tipperah ...	Basharut Ali Chowdhry's estate.	6,743	907	716	.....	467	68	6,743	1,374	784
	Chittagong ...	Hidait Ali Chowdhry	253	16	28	.....	3	8	253	19	36
		Romesh Chunder Chowdhry.	347	676	129	.....	.....	.....	347	676	129
		Magon Dass Roy ...	967	283	216	.....	30	13	967	313	229
		Nyantara's estate ...	1,418	507	662	126	13	78	1,544	520	740
		Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	321	12	32	77	1	12	398	13	44
		Ruzl Ahmed's estate ...	2,386	379	456	.....	13	56	2,386	392	512
		Asad Ali Khan ...	1,902	100	117	1,862	375	128	3,764	475	245
		Total ...	7,594	1,97	1,640	2,065	435	295	9,659	2,408	1,935

(a) The discrepancies are owing to certain errors in

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1883.

REALIZED DURING 1882-83.			BALANCE.			REMITTED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.			NET BALANCE.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2,845	64	1,002	3,407	466	719	.....	9	2	3,407	457	717
1,050	1,319	306	1,416	1,191	347	89	43	.....	1,324	1,148	347
.....	.....	.....	225	88	26	.....	.....	.....	225	88	26
91	157	49	2,012	493	229	.....	.....	.....	2,012	493	229
556	24	57	17,377	975	759	5,501	340	69	11,876	635	690
1,352	.....	.....	7,439	737	520	.....	.....	.....	7,439	737	520
.....	.....	.....	30	9	16	.....	.....	.....	30	9	16
.....	.....	.....	1,163	193	176	.....	.....	.....	1,163	193	176
417	46	530	45,890	15,264	2,696	20,922	7,617	725	24,968	7,647	1,971
162	215	50	10,101	401	593	.....	.....	.....	10,101	401	593
2,572	442	686	84,237	18,160	5,015	26,423	7,957	794	57,814	10,203	4,221
2,705	357	522	2,676	1,003	617	1,187	806	335	1,489	197	282
24,789	2,720	3,832	64,114	13,136	9,442	.....	52	.....	64,114	13,084	9,442
1,397	462	640	2,914	2,498	1,595	1,064	805	475	1,850	1,693	1,030
28,891	3,539	4,994	69,704	16,637	11,564	2,251	1,663	810	67,453	14,974	10,754
588	32	30	2,358	1,462	1,001	1,135	174	339	1,223	1,288	662
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429
112	56	.....	23	15	18	.....	.....	.....	23	15	18
.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13,582	2,993	2,907	1,17,825	39,923	9,314	68,488	27,728	3,970	49,337	12,195	5,344
14,282	3,081	2,978	1,20,206	41,400	10,762	69,623	27,902	4,309	50,583	13,498	6,453
3,149	1,345	1,151	46,813	20,276	9,856	17,817	9,408	3,828	28,996	10,868	6,028
3,834	710	934	7,271	1,159	1,589	445	111	117	6,826	1,048	1,472
31	3	16	15	.....	46	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	46
.....	.....	.....	841	57	532	.....	.....	.....	841	57	532
8,438	1,921	1,508	1,112	110	252	.....	.....	.....	1,112	110	252
12	.....	4	2,485	47	138	179	28	88	2,306	19	50
624	22	47	625	16	40	.....	.....	.....	625	16	40
9,105	1,946	1,575	5,078	230	1,008	179	28	88	4,899	202	920
791	.....	15	1,797	72	306	.....	.....	.....	1,797	72	306
438	114	78	700	136	81	.....	.....	.....	700	136	81
7	6	3	422	794	829	.....	.....	.....	422	794	829
1,236	120	96	2,919	1,002	1,216	.....	.....	.....	2,919	1,002	1,216
322	29	38	300	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	165	.....
1,120	.....	88	512	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	512	.....	16
1,442	29	121	812	165	16	.....	.....	.....	812	165	16
1,940	115	162	14,459	2,071	1,472	.....	.....	.....	14,459	2,071	1,472
50	15	25	47	14	2	47	14	2	.....	.....	.....
319	.....	58	.....	31	8	.....	31	8	.....	.....	.....
205	98	51	7,864	102	328	1,083	52	106	6,781	50	222
270	58	70	7,446	1,027	1,018	2,890	515	60	4,556	512	958
2,784	286	366	23,816	3,245	2,828	4,020	612	176	25,796	2,633	2,652
58,011	7,060	7,838	26,965	12,943	4,759	2,894	350	763	24,071	12,593	3,996
1,473	446	135	5,970	221	463	.....	.....	.....	5,970	221	463
500	.....	.....	1,330	305	402	1,144	286	346	186	19	56
4,135	1,709	2,839	4,950	1,468	1,561	123	260	377	4,827	1,208	1,184
.....	.....	.....	1,060	177	205	.....	.....	.....	1,060	177	205
.....	.....	.....	966	2	84	.....	.....	.....	966	2	84
.....	.....	.....	2,026	179	289	.....	.....	.....	2,026	179	289
166	55	28	6,577	1,319	756	1,123	574	78	5,454	745	678
47	3	14	206	16	22	156	16	18	50	.....	4
.....	.....	.....	347	676	129	.....	.....	.....	347	676	129
20	.....	.....	947	313	229	382	2	14	565	311	215
93	11	78	1,451	509	662	863	72	370	588	437	292
68	1	29	330	12	15	.....	.....	.....	330	12	15
257	5	26	2,129	387	486	905	205	182	1,224	182	304
29	.....	6	3,735	475	239	.....	.....	.....	3,735	475	239
514	20	153	9,145	2,388	1,782	2,306	295	584	6,839	2,093	1,198

calculation in the previous year's statement.

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1882.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chittagong—*concld.*	Noakholly	Anunga Mohun Mozumdar.	(*a*)57	(*a*)84	(*a*)69	.....	.....	9	57	84	78
		Gunga Churn Mozumdar.	81	40	23	.....	.....	6	81	40	29
		Courjon estate ...	412	279	249	720	27	270	1,162	306	519
		Total ...	550	403	341	720	27	285	1,300	430	626
Patna.	Durbhunga ...	Nurhan estate ...	16,703	22,994	5,553	.....	10,509	223	16,703	33,503	5,775
	Sarun ...	Ward's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad ...	Despatty Singh's estate	1,764	410	89	.....	.....	.....	1,764	410	89
		Raghunundun Prosad's estate.	910	65	235	.....	.....	.....	910	65	235
		Total ...	2,674	475	324	.....	.....	.....	2,674	475	324
	Patna ...	Debiprosad Lunatic's estate.	.....	21	78	.....	6	.....	.....	27	78
Bhagulpore.	Mongbyr ...	Malpa estate ...	.....	318	1,830	1,954	5	.....	1,954	323	1,830
		Phulberiah ,, ...	905	2,257	630	114	214	165	1,019	2,471	795
		Chanthan ,, ...	874	168	.....	.....	.....	.....	874	168	.....
		Total ...	1,779	2,743	2,460	2,068	219	165	3,847	2,962	2,625
	Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	(*b*)5,030	6,274	(*b*)354	.....	847	152	5,030	7,121	506
		Surjapore ,, ...	503	(*c*)433	(*c*)512	.....	.....	515	503	433	1,027
		Total ...	5,533	6,707	866	.....	847	667	5,533	7,554	1,533
	Maldah ...	Chanchal estate ...	768	781	431	715	168	102	1,483	949	293
	Bhagulpore ...	Ward's estates ...	20	5	8	690	907	234	710	912	242
Orissa.	Cuttack ...	Kanika estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pooree ..	Ward's estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Noaghur	903	328	68	.....	54	.....	903	382	68
		Katrias	1,117	221	4	.....	67	.....	1,117	288	4
		Total ...	2,020	549	72	.....	121	.....	2,020	670	72
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate	21,214	2,402	21,900	24,098	3,530	3,400	45,312	6,022	25,300
		Punjri Kallan estate...	5	1,029	36	.....	.....	10	5	1,029	46
		Total ...	21,219	3,521	21,936	24,098	3,530	3,410	45,317	7,051	25,346
	Hazaribagh ...	Chunwar estate ...	2,283	1,057	4,590	3,844	525	1,112	6,127	1,582	5,502
		Jeridah ,, ...	753	580	206	.....	.....	.....	753	580	206
		Serampore ,, ...	323	156	176	951	250	542	1,274	406	717
		Total ...	3,359	1,793	4,772	4,795	775	1,653	8,154	2,568	6,425
		Grand Total ...	5,01,163	1,55,744	90,775	1,51,201	46,282	32,698	6,52,369	2,02,026	1,23,473

(*b*) The discrepancies are owing to Rs. 32 due as costs having been wrongly
(*c*) The differences of Rs. 31 on account of interest, and Rs. 21 on account

concluded.

Realized during 1882-83.			Balance.			Remitted by Competent Authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
33	7	16	24	77	62	.....	39	44	24	38	18
.....	.....	.....	81	40	29	.....	.....	.....	81	40	29
7	57	107	1,155	249	412	.....	.....	26	1,155	249	386
40	64	123	1,260	366	503	.....	39	70	1,260	327	433
10,516	73	17	6,157	33,430	5,758	.....	.....	.....	6,157	33,430	5,758
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
559	.....	.....	1,205	410	89	1,138	410	89	67	.....	.....
324	.....	.....	586	65	235	.....	65	235	586	.....	.....
883	.....	.....	1,791	475	324	1,138	475	324	653	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	27	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	78
.....	.....	.....	1,954	323	1,839	.....	.....	.....	1,954	323	1,839
53	6	42	966	2,365	753	.....	.....	.....	966	2,465	753
.....	.....	.....	874	168	.....	.....	.....	.....	874	168	.....
53	6	42	3,794	2,956	2,583	.....	.....	.....	3,794	2,956	2,583
.....	.....	54	5,030	7,121	452	.....	.....	.....	5,030	7,121	452
213	31	144	290	492	883	.....	.....	.....	290	492	883
213	31	198	5,320	7,523	1,335	.....	.....	.....	5,320	7,523	1,335
204	131	179	1,279	818	414	387	42	89	892	776	25
169	33	35	601	879	207	.....	.....	.....	601	879	207
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	903	382	68	.....	.....	.....	903	382	68
.....	.....	.....	1,117	288	4	.....	.....	.....	1,117	238	4
.....	.....	.....	2,020	670	72	.....	.....	.....	2,020	670	72
12,409	1,706	1,984	32,903	4,316	24,216	.....	.....	.....	32,903	4,316	24,216
5	1	46	.....	1,028	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,028	.....
12,414	1,707	1,130	32,903	5,344	24,216	.....	.....	.....	32,903	5,344	24,216
1,916	334	974	4,211	1,248	4,528	954	374	2,332	3,257	874	2,196
24	13	53	729	567	153	.....	.....	.....	729	567	153
542	144	317	732	262	400	53	42	19	679	220	382
2,482	491	1,344	5,672	2,077	5,081	1,007	417	2,351	4,665	1,661	2,731
1,62,933	24,707	28,270	4,69,436	1,77,319	95,203	1,30,969	50,471	15,106	3,38,467	1,26,848	80,097

entered in the column for principal in the statement of last year.
of costs, are owing to the same not having been included in last year's statement.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in pauper Suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1883.

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1882.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1882 to 31st March 1883.			Total.			Realized during 1882-83.			Balance.			Remitted by Competent Authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	1,063	.....	.....	597	.....	.....	1,660	.....	.....	187	.....	.....	1,473	.....	.....	523	.....	.....	950	.....	.....	10
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	70
	Bankoora	953	31	143	801	.....	144	1,754	31	287	462	.....	96	1,292	31	191	628	.....	83	664	31	108	156
	Midnapore	3,182	.....	55	2,201	.....	30	5,383	.....	85	524	.....	25	4,859	.....	60	349	.....	.....	4,510	.....	60	30
	Hooghly	1,258	.....	30	2,628	.....	166	3,886	.....	196	342	.....	.....	3,544	.....	196	50	.....	.....	3,494	.....	196	91
Presidency	24-Perganahs	6,880	.....	192	4,056	.....	224	10,936	.....	416	1,790	.....	153	9,146	.....	263	1,665	.....	.....	7,481	.....	263	224
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jessore	(a)292	.....	(a)34	2,098	.....	71	2,390	.....	105	128	.....	.....	2,262	.....	105	109	.....	.....	2,153	.....	105	71
	Khoolna	.....	.....	.....	1,049	.....	.....	1,049	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	997	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	997	.....	.....	.....
	Moorshedabad	1,683	.....	223	538	.....	20	2,221	.....	243	1,150	.....	51	1,071	.....	192	590	.....	20	481	.....	172	10
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	72	.....	21	654	.....	.....	626	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	626	.....	21	72	.....	21	554	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....
	Pubna	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	87	.....	.....	119	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	.....
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	70	1	.....	70	1	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	1,047	.....	92	2,895	.....	82	3,942	.....	174	165	.....	50	3,777	.....	124	.....	.....	.....	3,777	.....	124	87
	Mymensingh	616	.....	26	293	2	4	909	2	30	113	2	4	796	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	796	.....	26	13
	Furreedpore	238	.....	1	290	4	24	528	4	25	358	4	20	170	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	170	.....	5	.....
	Backergunge	(b)716	.....	.....	2,412	24	29	3,128	24	29	1,061	.....	.....	2,067	24	29	152	.....	.....	1,915	24	29	81
Patna	Patna	9,556	.....	.....	2,190	.....	.....	11,746	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	11,733	.....	.....	1,110	.....	.....	10,623	.....	.....	10
	Mozufferpore	472	.....	218	32	.....	21	504	.....	239	120	.....	35	384	.....	214	.....	.....	.....	384	.....	214	17
	Gya	1,057	38	66	295	24	.....	1,352	62	66	.....	.....	.....	1,352	62	66	.....	.....	.....	1,352	62	66	.....
	Durbhunga	217	.....	38	376	.....	.....	593	.....	38	320	.....	38	273	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	273	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad	2,264	.....	21	418	.....	7	2,682	.....	28	84	.....	7	2,598	.....	21	876	.....	.....	1,722	.....	21	4
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	120	6	39	.....	9	7	120	15	46	120	15	46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7
	Maldah	(c)76	.....	.....	392	.....	.....	468	.....	.....	67	.....	.....	401	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	401	.....	.....	18
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	2,819	.....	35	61	.....	5	2,880	.....	40	30	.....	3	2,850	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	2,850	.....	37	8
	Singhboom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	780	13	2	1	17	17	821	30	19	.....	.....	.....	821	30	19	.....	.....	.....	821	30	19	.....
Orissa	Pooree	1,066	.....	.....	640	.....	.....	1,706	.....	.....	90	.....	.....	1,616	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,616	.....	.....	.....
	Cuttack	613	.....	10	31	.....	.....	644	.....	10	125	.....	.....	519	.....	10	254	.....	10	265	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore	976	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	1,067	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	1,027	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,027	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong	(e)387	.....	(e)87	.....	.....	5	387	.....	92	71	.....	2	316	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	316	.....	90	5
	Noakholly	.....	.....	(d)511	.....	.....	222	.....	.....	733	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	613	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	461	.....
	Tipperah	3,692	.....	9	569	.....	39	4,261	.....	48	227	.....	23	4,034	.....	25	140	.....	.....	3,894	.....	25	39
	Total	42,095	88	1,885	25,618	81	1,266	67,713	169	3,151	7,709	21	663	60,004	148	2,488	6,518	.....	286	53,486	148	2,202	984

(a) The total of these two items agrees with the total of the principal and costs shown in column 7 of last year's return.
(b) This sum agrees with the sum total of principal and costs in column 7 of last year's return.
(c) The discrepancy is owing to the Appellate Court having modified a decree. In one case Rs. 166-8 were decreed to Government, but the Appellate Court awarded Rs. 288, and the whole amount has been transferred to column 6.
(d) The discrepancy is owing to Rs. 73 having been transferred to the current year's demand.
(e) The discrepancy is owing to clerical errors in last year's return.

P. M. D'M.—Reg. No. 2365J—181—4-7-83.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Calcutta, the 1st August 1883.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1882-83.

Read also—

The Reports for the two preceding years, and the orders of Government thereon.

Mr. Rampini by whom the present Report has been submitted laboured under the disadvantage of not having held the office of Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs during any portion of the year under report. He has consequently no personal knowledge of the litigation which he has had to review.

2. At the commencement of the year two appeals were pending before the Privy Council, and during the year two other appeals were preferred, one of which has since been withdrawn, as the matter was amicably arranged. In three of these appeals Government was interested only as Court of Wards. In the fourth case, in which Government was the respondent, the appeal was dismissed.

3. The following statement shows the manner in which the cases in which Government was a party were disposed of during the past three years:—

Cases.		1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Before the High Court.				
APPEALS	Decided in favour of Government ...	13	4	15
	„ against „ ...	3	2	4
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	5	1	4
	Total ...	21	7	23
Before the Lower Courts.				
APPEALS	Decided in favour of Government ...	21	28	587
	„ against „ ...	4	5	325
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	3	2	11
	Total ...	28	35	923
ORIGINAL CASES	Decided in favour of Government ...	1,742	1,077	274
	„ against „ ...	203	440	102
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	100	257	45
	Total ...	2,045	1,774	421
TOTAL	Decided in favour of Government ...	1,776	1,109	876
	„ against „ ...	210	447	431
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	108	260	60
	Total ...	2,094	1,816	1,367

4. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government was only 67, as compared with 71 in 1881-82 and 89 in 1880-81. The continued decrease is again attributed to the results of suits for enhancement of rent in Midnapore; in these cases the Appellate Court, while upholding the decision of the lower court in favour of Government as it affected the enhanced rents for other lands, disallowed the enhancement of the rents of homestead lands. Further appeals have, in a number of cases, been preferred to the High Court and are still pending.

5. In the lower appellate courts the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government fell from 84 in 1880-81 and 85 in 1881-82 to 64 during the past year. This decrease is attributed to the results of the Midnapore cases, and also partially to Government having lost some cases brought by some *howladars* in Backergunge to upset a settlement which had been irregularly made. In original suits the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government was slightly better than during the preceding year, viz. 73 as compared with 70, though considerably less than in 1880-81, in which year it amounted to 89.

6. In suits in which the Court of Wards was interested, the results in all courts during the last three years were as follows:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards	1,375	1,862	1,633
„ against „	112	90	127
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	66	46	229
Total ...	1,553	1,998	1,989

The percentage of cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards was 92·75 as compared with 95 and 92 in the two preceding years 1881-82 and 1880-81 respectively.

7. There was a considerable falling off in the amount of Government decrees recovered during the past year. The amounts realized in each of the three last years are as follows:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	7,10,495	7,10,934	6,73,982
Realized during the year	39,953	53,197	14,997
Percentage of recovery	5·6	7·5	2·25

The favourable results of 1881-82 as compared with the results of the past year were due to Rs. 37,225 having, during the former year, been realized from the Canning Municipality. Excluding the amount due from this municipality, the balance due to Government outstanding at the close of the past year was only Rs. 57,472. Of this balance, the largest amounts were outstanding in Gya (Rs. 14,153), Beerbhoom (Rs. 8,233), and Midnapore (Rs. 7,207).

8. The amounts due and recovered under Wards' decrees are shown in the following statement:—

	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	8,23,760	9,25,420	9,77,868
Realized during the year	1,65,559	2,66,941	2,15,910
Percentage of recovery	20	28·8	22·08

The outstanding balance at the close of the year was very high in some districts. In Khoolna it amounted to Rs. 45,892, in Durbhunga to Rs. 45,345, in Lohardugga to Rs. 61,435, in Moorshedabad to Rs. 66,876 and in Jessore to Rs. 86,640. The balance is undoubtedly very high, and the Lieutenant-Governor is not satisfied that sufficient efforts have been made to reduce it. It is hard to understand, in the absence of explanation, why no more than Rs. 100 could be realized out of a demand of Rs. 9,000 in the Monghyr district, nor why in Midnapore only Rs. 3,700 were realized out of Rs. 1,10,000. In Backergunge, also, where there were outstanding decrees for Rs. 2,494, nothing whatever was realized. This is certainly not a satisfactory state of things, and an improvement must be effected.

ORDER—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. B. PEACOCK,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

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By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

W. DUNBAR BLYTH,

Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

DARJEELING,
The 8th August 1883.

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FROM C. B. GARRETT, ESQ.,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 17th July 1884.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, a report on the civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the year 1883-84.

2. There were two appeals pending in the Privy Council at the close of last year, both of which were Court of Ward's cases, viz., (1) the appeal of Hurdey Narain *versus* Rudra Prokash Misser, minor, and (2) Ranee Jugadishwaree Dabee *versus* Kumar Bissessur Roy and another, minors, under the Court of Wards. The first of these two appeals was dismissed on the 12th December 1883, and the order of the Privy Council was remitted by the High Court to the lower court for execution on the 22nd February last. The second appeal is still pending, but the appellant has agreed to withdraw on certain terms; and the compromise will, I hope, soon be effected.

Privy Council appeals.

3. During the year under review only one appeal has been preferred to Her Majesty's Privy Council, viz., Tekait Ram Chandra Singh *versus* Madhu Koeri and others under the Court of Wards. The appeal record was sent to England only on the 22nd February 1884. Some time will elapse before it comes on for hearing.

4. The following is the result of civil litigation in all the courts of Bengal, wherein Government was a party, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

Result of Government litigation in all the Courts of Bengal.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of Government ...	1,109	876	387
Decided against Government ...	447	431	37
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	260	60	32
Percentage in favour of Government ...	71	67	91½

5. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government is better than that of the preceding four years. The gradual diminution in the number of cases disposed of is owing to the fact that a mass of cases connected with the settlement of the Jellamoota and Majnamoota estates were decided in the two previous years. Of these cases, a considerable number are now pending on appeal in the High Court.

6. The result of Government litigation in the High Court in 1883-84, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

Government litigation in the High Court.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of Government ...	4	15	17
Decided against Government ...	2	4	1
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	1	4	4
Percentage in favour of Government ...	67	79	94½

7. In the case decided against Government in the High Court, the plaintiffs brought their suit to establish their right to, and to recover possession of, 919 bighas and 16 cottahs of chur lands, on the allegation that they are re-formations on the original site of mouzah Bapulia *alias* Bakulia, which formed a portion of their settled estate. They alleged that the lands of the said mouzah were washed away by the river Jumna after the Thak in 1850; that the lands remained long under water, after which the land reappeared partially on its original site, and the plaintiffs held possession of it until it was again washed away in 1870. The chur now claimed commenced to re-form from 1872 onwards, but did not become fit for cultivation till 1879, when Government took possession of it as an accretion to its khas mehal Mirkutia. Our pleas were—1*st*, limitation; 2*nd*, that the land was not a re-formation but an accretion to khas chur Mirkutia, &c. The Subordinate Judge of Pubna, before whom the case was originally tried, decided both these pleas in our favour. But on appeal the High Court (MacDonnell and Tottenham, J.J.) held, (1*st*) on the merits that the land in suit had been found by the ameen to be substantially a re-formation on the site of the plaintiff's village of Bakulia, and (2*nd*) that Government had not acquired any title by limitation, because, inasmuch as the plaintiffs were in possession of mouzah Bakulia until it diluviated in 1864, and, inasmuch as they continued to pay the revenue due on this village, it must be presumed that they continued in possession while it was submerged and until Government took possession in 1872. The High Court accordingly reversed the decision of the lower court and decreed the plaintiff's claim, with costs of both courts. The High Court's decision appears quite unassailable.

Pubna.

Bama Sundari Debi and others, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

8. The result of Government litigation in the lower appellate courts in 1883-84, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

Government litigation in the lower appellate courts.

		1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of Government	...	28	587	96
Decided against Government	...	5	325	3
Compromised, remanded, and withdrawn	...	2	11	5
Percentage in favour of Government	...	85	64	97

9. The percentage is favourable, but the great disparity in the number of cases decided in 1882-83 and 1883-84 is due to the fact that a large number of cases connected with the Midnapore settlements (referred to above) were decided last year. I give below particulars of the cases decided against Government by the lower appellate courts.

10. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover possession of 301 bighas and 10 cottahs of rent-free land, alleging that the said land had been purchased by her husband from one Hurry Churn Das, Sebait of Joykali Thakoorain, that she was all along in possession of the same, but was dispossessed by Ramprosad Guria, who obtained a settlement of the land from the Collector in spite of the opposition of the plaintiff.

Midnapore.

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Anisue Barkat, plaintiff, Ramprosad Guria, defendant, respondents.

The pleas taken on behalf of Government (1*st*) that the land in suit had become the absolute property of Government under the provisions of clause 12, section 9, Regulation I of 1824, having been in the possession of Government for manfacturing salt from 1217 B.S. down to the abolition of the Salt Agency in 1864; (2*nd*) that 30 bighas of the disputed land were resumed by Government as invalid lakhraj, but neither the plaintiff nor her predecessor ever claimed the settlement; (3*rd*) that the allegation about possession and dispossession of the plaintiff was false; and that the disputed land having been found to be in the possession of defendant No. 2, was settled with him.

The Subordinate Judge of Midnapore, before whom the case was originally tried, decreed the plaintiff's claim, with the exception of 30 bighas resumed by Government. Against this decision an appeal was preferred to the Judge, who also dismissed the appeal. Both the courts below found, as a fact, that Government did not acquire any title to the land under any of the provisions of Regulation I of 1824, because, although during the salt manufacture Government took fuel without paying for it; that was not an adverse possession which

would create a title in Government. It was also held by both the courts that the plaintiff's suit was not barred by limitation. The Collector of Midnapore and the Government Pleader wished to have filed a second appeal, but Mr. Beverley thought there was no sufficient ground for doing so.

11. The plaintiff brought this suit for determination of their right to, and for recovery of, possession of some lands as re formation on the original site of their mouzah Battia. Government pleaded limitation, and urged that out of the lands claimed in suit a portion was re-formation on the site of Government resumed estate Botkandi. The remaining Government offered to give up to the rightful owner. The Moonsif, however, gave the plaintiff a decree for such lands as were included within the survey boundary of mouzah Battia. Against this decision an appeal was filed to the District Judge without obtaining the previous sanction of this office. The Subordinate Judge of Pubna, by whom the appeal was heard, concurred with the lower court, and dismissed the appeal with costs. No second appeal was preferred.

Pubna.

Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Bama Sundary Debya, plaintiff, respondent.

12. The plaintiff in this case claimed to recover possession of two tanks with lands appertaining thereto, on the grounds that the land and one of the tanks formed part of the compound of the Magistrate's court of Ranchi, and that they were given up to him by Government while acquiring under Act X of 1870 certain lands for the same compound, and that the other tank was covered by a lease granted to the Ranchi Municipality, the term of which had expired. Government was not made a party to the suit by the plaintiff, but it applied to be made so, and the written statement was filed without its having been approved by this office. It was urged in defence that the tanks were the property of the municipality, vested in it under section 32, Act V of 1876 (B.C.), that they were taken by Captain Wilkinson, Agent to the Governor-General, under two different leases in 1835 from the late jagirdar of the village, and that they had always been maintained by the municipality, and were used by the public. In respect of one of the tanks, both the courts held that the plaintiff could not recover, inasmuch as, having been originally held by Government, it became vested in the municipality under section 32, Act V (B.C.) of 1876. In respect to the other tank, and the land adjoining thereto, the courts held that they were not covered by the lease of 1835 taken by Captain Wilkinson; that the tank was the private property of Captain Wilkinson; Government never had possession of it, nor paid any rent for it, and therefore the municipality did not acquire any right to it. The courts accordingly gave the plaintiff a decree for the said tank and land. I saw no grounds for questioning the correctness of the decision, and therefore no second appeal was filed.

Lohardugga.

The Ranchi Municipality and Government, defendants, appellants, *versus* Munshi Mewah Lall, plaintiff, respondent.

13. The following is the result of original cases of Government decided in the court of first instance in 1883-84, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

Government litigation in the court of first instance.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of Government ...	1,077	274	274
Decided against Government ...	440	102	33
Compromised or withdrawn ...	287	45	23
Percentage in favour of Government	70	73	89

14. The percentage is comparatively better than that of the preceding years.

15. I give below particulars of the 33 cases decided against Government.

16. The plaintiff brought this suit to declare his title to, and recover possession of, one bigha and five cottahs of land and a tank wrongly settled by Government with defendant No. 1. We contended that, it having subsequently transpired that the disputed land was not purchased by Government, the agreement with defendant No. 1 was cancelled, and the plaintiff informed thereof in reply to the notice served by him under section 424, Civil Procedure

Midnapore.

Kenaram Dolooe *versus* (1) Uday Sirdar, (2) the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Code; and that there was therefore no cause of action against Government; and we prayed for costs, but the court decreed the plaintiff's claim and disallowed our costs and saddled both the defendants with the costs of the plaintiff.

17. The plaintiff brought this suit for declaration of his title to, and for possesion of, six bighas of rent-free land from which he was dispossessed by theother defendants who got their names wrongly entered in the survey papers of 1874-75 without his knowledge. We contended that during the settlement operations the quantity of rent-free land was found to be 29 bighas 17 cottahs and 4 chittacks, and was found to be in the possession of one Bonomali Bose, whose name was therefore registered in the settlement papers. We submitted, however, to any order the court might be pleased to make. The Moonsif decreed the suit, giving plaintiff possession of 29 bighas and 17 cottahs of the disputed land without costs.

Ramanath Misser *versus*
(1) Government.
(2) Prosonnomoye Debee.
(3) Bonomali Bose and others.

18. In this district we lost three cases. They were for compensation for lands required for public purposes and apportionment of the compensation money. The claimants declined to accept the Collector's offer, and the cases were referred to the Judge under section 15, Act X of 1870. The Judge awarded something in excess of the Collector's offer, and under the law this involved our having to pay the claimant's costs.

Khoolnah.

19. This suit was brought to recover from defendant No. 1, who was the tax darogah under the municipality, or from his surety, defendant No. 2, the sum of Rs. 1,461 annas 3 and pies 6 not accounted for by the darogah. The defendant denied his liability to render accounts, pleading that the bills had been made over directly to the subordinate collecting sircars, who were liable to account for them.

The Subordinate Judge found on evidence that, by a very loose practice, the bills for collection were made over indiscriminately to the darogah and the collecting sircars, and in the absence of any proof that those bills had been specifically made over to defendant, he dismissed the suit. His decision was accepted.

24-Pergunnahs.

The Chairman of the North Suburbun Municipality *versus*
(1) Sheik Badiat Jama.
(2) Motibulla Mollah.

20. This case was not reported to this office but was managed by the Road Cess Committee on their own responsibility. I have no clear knowledge of the facts.

Dinagepore.

Kally Charn Duffadar *versus* the District Engineer and the Chairman of the Road Cess Committee.

21. This was a suit in which the plaintiff claimed his right to recover possession of certain lands as being a re-formation on the site of his mouzahs Natibpore, Raghunathpore, &c., and his right to the settlement of certain other lands as accretion thereto. Government pleaded that the lands were not re-formation on the original site of the plaintiff's mouzahs, but towfeer or excess lands not included within the limits of any settled estate, and which the revenue authorities were at liberty to settle with whom they pleased. The Subordinate Judge found, however, that the plaintiff was entitled to a portion of the lands as a re-formation on the site of plaintiff's villages and to others as accretion, and decreed the suit with some modifications. His decision was not contested.

Pubna.

The Official Trustee, trustee to the estate of N. P. Pogose, deceased, *versus*
(1) The Secretary of State for India in Council.
(2) Shyama Sunkur Mozumdar and others.

22. The allegation of the plaintiff and the contention of Government in this case are almost identical with those in last suit with the exception that the land claimed measured only 13 pakhis. The Moonsif decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiff, but we have appealed to the District Judge, and the appeal is still pending.

Bhobosundary Debia *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

23. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover possession of mehal Kamaluddinpore, which was washed away by the Ganges, but which, on its subsequent re-appearance, was taken possession of by Government, together with many other persons who were joined as defendants.

Rajshahye.

Rajendro Narain Roy *versus* Government and others.

Our plea was that we had not kept plaintiff out of possession of any of his lands, but the Subordinate Judge found that we had wrongfully kept possession from the plaintiff of about 250 bighas of land, and decreed the plaintiff's claim in part with proportionate mesne profits.

24. This suit was to recover Rs. 424 annas 3 and pies 5 on account of surplus sale proceeds. Our defence was that Rs. 355 and not Rs. 424 was in deposit in the Collectorate to the credit of the *pro formâ* defendant Abdul Fateh, and that we were willing to pay the amount to Abdul Fateh, or to any person to whom the court ordered us to pay it. The court ordered us to pay the amount to the plaintiff and to bear our own costs.

Hari Mohan Mullick
versus
(1) The Secretary of State for India in Council.
(2) Syud Abdul Fateh, *pro formâ* defendant.

25. The plaintiffs brought this suit to recover possession of some eight bighas of land which appertained to their Asut taluq, but was wrongly included in Government khas mehal as chur land. Government pleaded that the land actually belonged to Government, and that at any rate an indefeasible title had been acquired by limitation. The Moonsif decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiff on the 22nd September 1881. Against this decision an appeal was filed to the Judge, who remanded the case to the Moonsif, with instructions to add, as parties to the case, certain persons who had not previously been represented. The Moonsif having done so, and neither party having gone into any further evidence, has again decreed the suit, and we have again filed an appeal against the decision of the Moonsif, which is now pending before the Judge.

Backergunge.
Deb Nath Dutt Chowdhury and others *versus* Government.

26. The plaintiffs brought this suit to recover possession of a certain quantity of land on the ground of re-formation on the original site of their permanently-settled estate. We denied the correctness of the plaintiffs' allegation, and pleaded that the land had never formed part of the plaintiffs' zemindary, but had been the bed of a large navigable river, and was always the property of Government. The Moonsif, however, gave a partial decree to the plaintiffs, but we have appealed against the Moonsif's decision, and the appeal is now pending before the Judge.

Mr. F. Brown and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

27. In this district three claims for compensation for lands taken up for public purposes were referred to the Judge under section 15, Act X of 1870, in consequence of the claimants having refused to accept the compensation tendered by the Deputy Collector. The Judge gave the claimants somewhat more than the tender of the Deputy Collector, and necessarily awarded costs against us.

Dacca.

28. This suit was brought for refund of the balance of purchase money held in deposit in the collectorate in the name of the proprietor of an estate which was sold for arrears of Government revenue. The plaintiff alleged that in execution of a decree obtained against the said proprietor he purchased the interests of his debtor, and he accordingly applied to the Collector for refund of the excess purchase money, but his prayer was rejected by the Collector, and ultimately by the Commissioner. We argued in our defence that as the plaintiff was not the recorded proprietor of the taluq, Collector was justified in refusing payment of the money to him, and that he had no cause of action against Government. The Subordinate Judge of Furridpore, however, held that the Collector should have given the deposit money to the plaintiff, as the persons whose names were registered had admitted his right, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's claim with costs.

Furreedpore.
Mir Moazim Hossein *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

29. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover Rs. 119 annas 12, being the surplus sale proceeds of a taluq sold for arrears of Government revenue. Our plea was that the plaintiff not being a recorded proprietor of the estate, the Collector could not properly pay her without the order of a court, but we submitted to pay to any one the court ordered us to pay to. The Moonsif decreed the case in favour of the plaintiff, and, in my opinion improperly gave costs against us. The Collector was instructed to appeal, but for some reason, the explanation of which I await, the appeal was

Mymensingh.
Tripura Sundary Dabee *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

not preferred. The point is one of some importance. It is impossible for us safely to pay away such surplus proceeds to persons who are not recorded proprietors, or in excess of the shares in respect of which their names are registered. If such persons will not register their names, they cannot get paid without a suit, and as it is wholly their own fault that they have to go to the court, it is, I think, very unfair that Government should have to recoup them the costs necessitated by their own laches.

30. This suit was brought to set aside the sale of a taluq on the ground of irregularity, &c., in publishing the notices. We denied generally the plantiff's allegations, but the Moonsif considered them proved, and ordered the sale to be set aside.

Chittagong.

Sreemutty Ameerunnessa *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

31. In these two cases the plaintiffs sued for a declaration of their title to certain lands, and for registration of their names in the Collector's books. We pleaded that neither the plaintiffs nor their alleged vendors had any title to the lands in question: that the said lands were originally the property of Government, which granted the same to the Chittagong Municipality. The Moonsif considered the plaintiff's claims proved on the merits, and both the suits were decreed. Appeals have been preferred against this decision, which are now pending before the Judge.

1. Kala Chand Choudhury *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.
2. Komola Kant Sein *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

32. This suit was brought by the plaintiff for establishment of his *etmami* title to certain land, and for expunging the name of one Abul Hossein from the settlement. We pleaded that the ameen had found Abul Hossein in possesion, but submitted to any order the court made. The Moonsif decreed the suit with costs.

Pitambar Bhattacherjee *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

33. The plaintiff sued to recover possession of two kanees of land as belonging to tuppa Osee and Anwar Ali, purchased by him at an auction sale. Our reply was, that the tuppa in question had been purchased by Moulavi Abdulla under the name of his agent Mozuffer Ali, and that on the decease of Moulavi Abdulla without heirs it had escheated to Government. The Moonsif held that as Moulavi Abdulla had not caused his name to be registered in the zemindary *sherista*, the zemindar was justified in treating the auction purchaser as being the real owner, and selling up the tenure in execution of a decree obtained against him for arrears of rent, and that the plaintiff having purchased the tenure at that sale, that his title was unassailable. We did not contest the Moonsif's judgment.

Kalamiah Kazi *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

34. This was a somewhat similar case, with reference also to the escheated estate of Moulavi Abdulla.

The Secretary of State for India in Council *versus* Ishan Chunder Mitter.

35. Four cases were lost in this district. These suits arose out of the purchase of an estate called mehal Shahapur, pergunnah Burdakhat. The estate was purchased in 1836, and after various settlements and leases, it was ultimately re-settled in 1878-79, and the tenure-holder's rent enhanced. The tenure-holders claim to hold at a fixed rent, and the present suits were brought to establish their right. The Subordinate Judge laying, as we consider improperly, the burthen on us of proving our rights to increase the rents, and considering that we had failed to discharge the onus, decreed the plaintiffs' suits. We have appealed against this order, and the appeals are now pending in the court of the District Judge.

Tipperah.

36. This suit was brought for the refund of money paid as premium for a lease to Shaebzadee Begum, the widow of one Ikbal Hossein, the illegitimate son of Baratee Begum. After the death of Baratee Begum, Government escheated her property and ejected the lessee of Shaebzadee. Our plea was that we verily believed the money had never been paid to Shaebzadee, and 2nd, that we were not liable for any contract made by her, as she had no right to the property. The Munsif found that the money had really been paid to Shaebzadee, and considered Government liable to recoup the lessee, he therefore decreed the plaintiff's claim; against which order an appea has been preferred to the Judge.

Gya.

Dindyal Sing *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

37. This is a claim for compensation for land taken up for public purposes under Act X of 1870. The Collector awarded Rs. 63 as compensation for the land, which the claimant declining to accept, it was referred to the Judge under section 15. The Judge awarded Rs. 104 as the proper compensation, and we had of course to pay costs.

Patna.

The Secretary of State for India in Council *versus* Bissessur Lall.

38. The particulars of this case have already been given in paragraph 12 foregoing.

Lohardugga.

Moonshee Mewa Lall *versus* Government and the Ranchee Municipality.

39. The question in these cases was whether certain lands were or were not ghatwali. The court found that they were not, and decreed plaintiffs' suits with costs.

Manbhoom.

(1) Rughoobeer Singh *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

(2) Kali Churn Gope *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

40. The result of wards' litigation in 1883-84 in all the courts of Bengal, as compared with the two preceding years, is as follows:—

Result of wards' litigation in all courts of Bengal.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	1,862	1,633	763
Decided against Court of Wards ...	90	127	99
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	46	229	70
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	95	92¾	88½

41. The decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of Court of Wards is owing to the Cooch Behar estate in Julpigoree having gone out of the hands of the Court. It will be seen from statement I of 1882-83, that upwards of 520 cases were decided in favour of the Court of Wards in this district alone. Another reason is that a large number of rent suits (230) were decided in Midnapore in favour of the Sultangatcha estate last year, whereas in the year under review only 10 cases were decided. This also accounts for the decrease in the total number of cases decided.

Wards' litigation in the High Court.

42. The following is a comparative statement of wards' litigation in the High Court during 1883-84:—

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	22	14	18
Decided against Court of Wards ...	4	6	1
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	8	9	8
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	84	70	94

43. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Court of Wards during the year is therefore better than in either of the two preceding years.

44. The only case decided against the Court of Wards in the High Court was a miscellaneous appeal against the order of the Subordinate Judge of Mymensing in a suit for measurement under sections 38 and 39 of the Bengal Rent Law, Act VIII of 1869. The Judges held that no case was made out by the proprietor entitling him to proceed in the manner laid down by section 38 of the Act, and consequently set aside the procedings of the Collector held in pursuance of that section, and decreed the appeal with costs. This office was not consulted when the case was before the lower courts.

Sheik Laloo Sircar and others *versus* Juggut Kissore Acharjee, minor.

45. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the lower appellate courts in 1883-84, as compared with the two previous years:—

Wards' litigation in lower appellate courts.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	36	39	47
Decided against Court of Wards ...	27	34	20
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	1	1	1
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	57	53⅓	70

46. The percentage is better this year than in the two preceding years. This appears due to no special cause.

47. Out of the 20 cases decided against the Court of Wards by the lower appellate courts, 11 were rent-suit appeals, and of the remaining nine civil suits, I give below the particulars of three cases, which were of some importance. None of the other cases deserve any special notice.

Jessore.

Gobind Mohan Bose and others, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Ramnagore attached estate, defendant, respondent.

48. This case was brought to cancel a certificate under Act VII of 1880, to set aside the sale held thereunder, and to obtain possession of the tenure so sold, on the ground that the certificate was filed in the court of the Deputy Collector of Khulna who had no jurisdiction in the case, that the notice was not served on the plaintiffs, and that the sale took place without their knowledge. The first court dismissed the suit on the ground of limitation, holding also on the merits that the Collector of Jessore had filed the certificate, and the Deputy Collector of Khoolna had only exercised the powers under section 19 of the Act. On appeal, however, the case was decided in favour of the appellants. The certificate was cancelled, the sale was set aside, and possession of the tenure was given over to the plaintiffs. The appeal was conducted without reference to this office.

Backergunge.

Narail minors, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Bissembhur Shaha Chowdhry, defendant, respondent.

49. The plaintiffs and defendant owned $\frac{1}{8}$ and $\frac{7}{8}$ of a mehal which was sold for arrears of revenue. The estate was sold for Rs. 4,100, and the suit under report was filed to recover an one-eighth share of this sum. It was instituted without any reference to this office. When the Moonsif dismissed the suit, it was reported to this office to sanction an appeal, but so late, that the appeal was filed in anticipation of sanction. That appeal was also dismissed, and the local authorities then asked to prefer a second appeal. On looking into the papers, it seemed clear that the Collector had improperly deducted the September kist, aggregating Rs. 1,089, from the sale proceeds in favour of the defendant, and that the plaintiff ought to recover an one-eighth share of that sum, or about Rs. 135. It was possible, however, that if the court allowed certain deductions, that amount might have been reduced to about Rs. 90. Considering the expense of a second appeal, I did not think it was worth while entering one for so small a consideration, and no further steps were taken.

Tipperah.

Basharut Ali Chowdhry, lunatic, dependant, appellant, *versus* Nawab Assanulla, plaintiff, respondent.

50. The case was reported in paragraph 61 of last year's report as pending before the Judge of Tipperah on appeal. The Judge dismissed the appeal on the ground that the tenure in question was not a ryotti one, and therefore the appellant had no right of occupancy. The Collector recommended a second appeal, but after considering all the papers in the case, it appeared to me that the Judge's decision was right, and no second appeal was therefore made.

Wards' litigation in the court of first instance.

51. The result of wards' litigation in the court of first instance in 1883-84, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	1,804	1,580	698
Decided against Court of Wards	59	87	78
Compromised or withdrawn	37	219	61
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	97	95	90

52. The reason for the decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of Court of Wards has already been given by me in paragraph 41, foregoing.

53. Out of the 78 cases decided against the Court of Wards, 63 cases were not reported to this office under Rule 16 of the Civil Suit Rules, being rent suits and suits of a Small Cause Court nature. I give below the particulars of the only cases which are of any interest.

54. The plaintiff brought this suit to get possession of the ornaments of his deceased wife, or their value, Rs. 2,564. The defence was that the ornaments had been given as a gift by the plaintiff's wife to her minor brother. The Subordinate Judge, however, found that the gift had not been made out by the defendant, and gave the plaintiff a decree for all the ornaments, except two. Against this decision an appeal has been filed, which is now pending before the District Judge.

Hooghly.

Bama Pado Chatterjee *versus* Noni Gopal Mookerjee, minor, under the Court of Wards.

55. The plaintiff brought this suit for abatement of rent to the extent of Rs. 151-2, on the ground that he had a putni mehal under the defendant at an annual rental of Rs. 2,187-12; that in 1863 Government acquired some 152 bigahs of land out of the lands of the said putni, granting an abatement of Rs. 151-2 from the Government revenue; that the defendant also allowed the same abatement to the plaintiff's predecessor, but refused to allow it to the plaintiff. On the part of the defendant it was contended that the defendant had not any *locus standi*, never having registered his name as assignee of the putni, and that the claim was barred by limitation. The suit was decreed by the Subordinate Judge in favour of the plaintiff. Against this decision an appeal has been filed, which is now pending before the District Judge.

Rajshahye.

Mohini Nath Bishi *versus* Nushipore estate.

56. The plaintiff, as adopted son of Boroda Sundari Debya, brought this suit to recover possession of certain property left by his adoptive mother, together with mesne profits and the arrears of her maintenance. It was alleged on the part of the minors that plaintiff was not the adopted son of Boroda Sundari Debya; that the property claimed was held by Boroda Sundari for life only, and that on her death the property lapsed to the estate. The plaintiff obtained a decree for the whole amount of his claim, with the exception of two small properties. An appeal has been filed in the High Court.

Girish Chunder Lahiri *versus* Kumar Bisessur Roy and Kumar Kashissur Roy, minors.

57. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover possession of certain land to which he said his predecessor acquired a title by limitation. On behalf of the minor dispossession was denied, and it was alleged that the property in dispute had been amicably made over to the minor's father on the 26th April 1878, in satisfaction of a decree. The Subordinate Judge decreed the plaintiff's suit with costs, and no appeal has been preferred.

Mymensingh.

Bhagabut Ramanuj Mahanti *versus* P. N. Pogose, minor.

58. The plaintiffs sued to recover possession of a certain share in tuppa Kurikhye after declaration of their title thereto. They alleged that they purchased the share from Mr J. P. Wise in Assin 1279 B.S., and that they were dispossessed therefrom in Assar 1280 B.S. It was pleaded on behalf of the minor that neither the plaintiffs nor their predecessors in title were in possession of the property in question within 12 years before the institution of the suit, that the said property was not parcel of the said taluk, but appertained to defendants' zemindary, tuppa Kurikhye. The Subordinate Judge, however, gave a modified decree to the plaintiffs with proportionate costs. Against this decision no appeal has been filed.

Denonath Chuckerbutty and others *versus* Juggut Kissore Acharjee, minor.

59. This suit was to recover possession of land, in which the plaintiff claimed a right of occupancy, but from which he alleged he had been dispossessed by the defendant, and also to recover the price of certain paddy, the produce of the said land. On behalf of the minor it was alleged, 1st, that the land in dispute had been in the possession of another tenant for many years, and, 2nd, that the plaintiff had no right to possession. The Moonsif gave a decree to the plaintiff for two plots out of the whole area claimed.

Tipperah.

Arjun Koiburto *versus* A. N. Roy, minor.

60. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover direct possession of certain lands in mouza Bashghur, pergunnah Shakdi, which he had purchased at an auction sale held for arrears of Government revenue, but from which he alleged he had been dispossessed by the defendant. The defendant pleaded that the land in dispute formed part of taluk Balaram Mozumdar; that the plaintiff not being the purchaser of the entire property, but of a share only, did not acquire the share free of encumbrances, but acquired only such

Noakhally.

Syad Hussein Ally *versus* Anunga Mohun Mozumdar, minor.

rights as were possessed by the former owners; that the former owners of the estate had admitted the defendant's right to this taluk by accepting the rent at the rate stated, Rs. 42-10-8, for more than 20 years, and consequently the plaintiff could not dispossess the defendant. The court found that the plaintiff purchased the entire property, and not a share as stated by the defendant, and accordingly decreed the plaintiff's suit. No appeal has been filed.

61. The plaintiff in this suit sued, as being a member of a joint Mitakshara family, to set aside a sale of property alleged to be ancestral, for the satisfaction of illegal debts. The defendant denied that the property was ancestral, or that the debt was illegal, and alleged that the money advanced, which constituted the debt, had been advanced after due enquiry, and for the benefit of the estate, and that he, the defendant, had purchased the property at a sale in execution of a decree by which the property was made liable for the debts. The Subordinate Judge decreed the plaintiff's suit in part, and an appeal has been filed to the High Cout against this decision.

Patna.

Murli Monohur Sahai *versus* Debi Pershad, lunatic, under the Court of Wards.

62. This suit was brought for possession of some 15 bigahs of land in mouza Sanko. The defendant contended that the land in question was rent-free land. The lower court held that the grant was proved, and dismissed the case with costs. Against this decision an appeal has been filed.

Hazaribagh.

Dhunwar estate *versus* Protab Roy.

63. This was a case of a similar nature, in which the plaintiff sued to have a certain village, on the allegation that it had been granted to him as Brohmotur. The claim was decreed, and we have not contested the decision of the lower court.

Manbhoom.

Hari Khawas *versus* Nawaghar estate.

64. This case was brought on behalf of the Chota Nagpore estate to resume possession of pergunnah Sasira, on the ground that the original grantee, Pahar Singh, had died without any male heir of his body. The defendant pleaded that the grant was not originally made to Pahar Singh, but one of his ancestors. The court took this view of the case, and dismissed the suit. No appeal has been filed.

Lohardugga.

Chota Nagpore estate *versus* Makoond Sing.

65. The following table shows the amount of Government decrees recovered during the year 1883-84, as compared with the two preceding years:—

Government decrees.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	7,10,934	6,73,982	7,02,705
Realized during the year ...	53,197	14,997	61,862
Percentage of recovery ...	7½	2¼	8⅘

66. The increase in the percentage of realization is owing to Rs. 50,002 having been realized during the year out of the Canning Municipality. We had Rs. 71,425 to realize during the year, and out of that amount Rs. 11,860 only were realized, and the percentage of realization is only 15¾, which if similary compared, is less than that of the previous year. Besides the amount due from the Canning Municipality, there is a balance of Rs. 43,185 outstanding at the close of the year. The details of the heaviest balances are as follows:—

67. In Beerbhoom there is an outstanding balance of Rs. 8,582. Of this amount Rs. 7,251 are due from one Ramnath Sircar.* The idea of instituting a suit for establishing that the property released by the Judge really belonged to Ramnath was given up, as the Collector seemed to think there was little chance of any evidence being procurable. An offer of a moiety of any money realized has failed to bring any one forward to help us. I fear we have little chance of recovering the debt. Rupees 793 are due from one Golap Lall Sircar, who is said to have no property, and all attempts to arrest him have failed. The Collector says that he has ordered a fresh enquiry to be

* *Paragraph* 65 *of last year's report.*

In Beerbhoom there is an outstanding balance of Rs. 8,233. Of this amount Rs. 6,919 are due from one Ramnath Sircar. Execution was this year taken out against his property, which was attached, but it was released on a claim to it being preferred on behalf of his son. The Collector states that unless a regular suit be instituted there is no probability of recovering the amount. The Collector has been asked to report as to the advisability of instituting such a suit. Of the balance, a sum of Rs. 560 is being realized by instalments. The remainder, Rs. 755, is said so be irrecoverable, as the person from whom this amount is due is said to possess no property, and all attempts to arrest him have failed.

made about the judgment-debtor's property, and I await the result of his enquiry. The remainder is being realized by instalments.

68. In Bankoora the outstanding decrees amount to Rs. 5,555. Of this amount Rs. 5,098 are due from one Ashutosh Ghose, whose properties have been attached, and the 21st of April last fixed for their sale. The amounts of the remaining decrees are being realized by instalments, save Rs. 229, the realization of which has been suspended, as appeals have been preferred against the decrees.

69. In Midnapore there is an outstanding balance of Rs. 8,458. Of this amount Rs. 5,398 are due from Ranee Anundo Moyee, whose properties were attached, but as her estate has lately come under the Court of Wards, the sale of the properties has been postponed. Rupees 1,363 are due from one Woomesh Chunder Mundle, whose properties were attached and sold for Rs. 145 since the close of the year: the Collector says that the judgment-debtor has no other property by the sale of which the balance can be realized.

70. In Backergunge the outstanding balance is Rs. 2,250. Out of this amount Rs. 161 have been realized since the close of the year. Appeals have been preferred against decrees aggregating Rs. 890, which, therefore, cannot immediately be realized. As regards the balance, enquiries are being made as to the debtor's properties.

71. In Sarun Rs. 2,445 are outstanding. Out of this sum Rs. 407 have been reported for remission as irrecoverable. Rupees 1,275 will, it is expected, soon be realized by attachment of surplus sale-proceeds in the hands of the Collector at the credit of our judgment-debtors. It is hoped that the balance will also soon be realized.

72. The following table shows the amounts due under wards' decrees recovered during the year under report, as compared with the two preceding years:—

Wards' decrees.

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	9,25,420	9,77,868	6,93,908
Realized during the year ...	2,66,941	2,15,910	1,44,266
Percentage of recovery ...	28¼	22 1/16	20¾

73. The decrease in the percentage of realization is owing to the fact that in some large estates a very small portion of the outstanding decrees has been realized.

74. The following districts show the heaviest outstanding balances at the close of the year.

Hooghly.

Sultangacha estate, balance Rs. 33,437.

75. Out of this amount Rs. 519 have been deposited in court, but have not yet been credited to the ward's estate; Rs. 882 are being realized by instalments; Rs. 4,583 have been reported as irrecoverable; and the balance is said to be under realization.

Midnapore.

Maisadal estate, balance Rs. 42,118.

76. Of this Rs. 22,000 are due from one Joynarain Giri, who is reported insolvent. A further sum of Rs. 1,710 are also reported to be irrecoverable. Rupees 2,733 are being realized by instalments; Rs. 710 have been realized, but not credited; and endeavours are being made to realize the balance. Rupees 4,000 have been recently decreed, and the time for appeal is still running.

Nischinta estate, balance Rs. 15,022.

77. Of this sum Rs. 6,624 are due from Srinarain Bera, who is reported to have no property; and I fear the amount must be looked on as irrecoverable. Rupees 2,116 are due from a debtor who is making us monthly payments in liquidation of it. As regards the balance, the Collector says that "it was not possible to realize it last year owing to the failure of the crops, but it is hoped that this year something will be done."

Moorshedabad.

A. N. Roy's estate, balance Rs. 24,829.

78. Of this amount Rs. 5,686 are said to be unrealizable, as the debtors have no property. Decrees to the amount of Rs. 5,344 have not been executed. Some portion is being recovered by instalments and the remainder is said to be in process of recovery.

79. The Collecter has explained that a large number of the decrees outstanding have become barred by limitation, not having been executed owing to the insolvent condition of the debtors. This explanation has reference to about a moiety of the outstandings. A different explanation will, I am promised, soon be sent for the remaining moiety. I have great complaints to make of the delay with which all returns connected with this estate are submitted by the manager. The Collector excuses him on the ground that he has to get his information from the co-sharers. I have not been long enough in this office to judge whether the excuse is adequate.

Jessore., Narail estate, balance Rs. 82,556.

80. Out of this amount Rs. 9,748 have been deposited in court, but not withdrawn and credited to the ward's account during the year. Rupees 5,356 are reported as irrecoverable, and will have to be remitted, as well as Rs. 2,198 already reported for remission; Rs. 1,263 are being realized by instalments; decrees to the extent of Rs. 11,982 have not yet been executed; and steps are being taken to realize the remainder.

Khoolna. Satkhira estate, balance Rs. 43,596.

81. Of this amount Rs. 6,067 have been reported for remission, and a further sum will be reported for remission in a short time. Rupees 3,601 are being realized by instalments.

Rajshahye. Chowgung estate, balance Rs. 14,959.

82. Out of this amount Rs 47,459 are due from Bhagbut Prosad and Jugdipnarain only, against whom decrees were obtained for above a lac of rupees. Of this Rs 60,000 have been recovered, and the debtors had promised to pay the balance by instalments; but I regret to say they have not kept their promise, and steps have been taken to enforce the decree. Rupees 701 are reported to be irrecoverable.

Durbhunga. Nurhan estate, balance Rs. 49,294.

83. Of this amount Rs. 18,249 represent balance of decrees awarded during the latter half of the year under report. Decrees for upwards of Rs. 15,000 are being realized by the Encumbered Estates Department. The remainder is under process of recovery.

Lohurdugga. Chota Nagpore estate, balance Rs. 44,078.

84. Mr. T. T. Allen was in charge of the office from 1st to 21st April 1883 and from 26th July to 1st December 1883. From 22nd April to 25th July Mr. R. F. Rampini was in charge of the office, and from 2nd to 17th December the office was in charge of the Deputy Legal Remembrancer Mr. G. C. Kilby. On the 18th December 1883 Mr. H. Beverley took charge, and continued so to the end of the year under review.

Incumbency of Legal Remembrancership.

85. The following changes occurred in the office of District Government Pleaders during the year under review. Khulna having been made a new district, Baboo Mohendro Nath Banerjee, Government Pleader of Maldah, was transferred to Khulna, and Baboo Kalidas Chatterjee appointed in his place as Government Pleader of Maldah (23rd April 1883), Baboo Ramlall Sen was appointed Government Pleader of Noakhally in the place of Adoito Churn Dutt, deceased (25th June 1883), and Mr. Dhiraj Karan, Government Pleader of Monghyr, in the place of Baboo Otul Chunder Mullick, deceased (10th September 1883).

Changes in the office of District Government Pleaders.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

C. B. GARRETT,

Offg. Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court ...	135	2	1,145	.....	.....	.....	.....	133	3,690
Zillah appeals	5	2	279	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	328
Original suits	13	7	16,709	1	225	.....	.....	5	4,51,509
Total	153	11	18,133	1	225	.....	.....	141	4,55,527

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement of proceedings.

High Court ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	112	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	.....	.....	1	40	.....	.....	1	85
Total	3	.....	.....	1	40	1	112	1	85

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court ...	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	60	4	18,948
Zillah appeals	23	9	709	.....	.....	2	555	12	1,310
Original suits	38	29	22,688	3	325	.....	.....	6	549
Total	66	38	23,397	3	325	3	615	22	20,807

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	3	2	391	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	195
Original suits	4	2	227	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	575
Total	7	4	618	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	770

6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c., &c.

High Court ...	1	1	582	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	1	375	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	444
Original suits	4	.....	.....	2	1,024	1	109	1	5,484
Total	7	2	957	2	1,024	1	109	2	5,928

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court ...	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	50
Zillah appeals	69	64	4,295	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,707
Original suits	35	8	16,922	4	5,261	9	7,064	14	901
Total	105	72	21,217	4	5,261	9	7,064	20	3,658

(9) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account or value of property.

High Court ...	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	6,010
Zillah appeals	13	3	2,913	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	4,965
Original suits	39	32	22,410	3	5,138	.....	.....	4	6,721
Total	57	36	25,323	3	5,138	.....	.....	18	17,696

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court ...	16	6	1,42,844	1	5,519	.....	.....	9	1,48,157
Zillah appeals	41	10	5,137	3	2,302	2	6,312	26	11,102
Original suits	136	53	32,240	9	27,969	8	3,983	66	90,823
Total	193	69	1,81,221	13	35,790	10	10,295	101	2,50,082

(11) Suits in which Government is made a dependant *pro formâ*.

High Court ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	6	2	16,230	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	35,547
Zillah appeals	3	2	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	4,000
Original suits	21	8	1,11,335	1	5	3	12,500	9	1.07,551
Total ...	30	12	1,27,552	1	5	3	12,500	14	1,47,098

(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	294
Zillah appeals	2	1	162	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,611
Original suits	1	1	914	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	5	2	1,076	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	1,905

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	1	1	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	424	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	6	2	80	.....	.....	2	105	2	105
Total ...	8	4	1,104	.....	.....	2	105	2	105

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the civil court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation or quashing of buttwarrahs, or the imposition of fines.

High Court	2	1	2,865	.....	.....	1	880	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	2	1	2,865	.....	.....	1	880	.....	.....

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,100	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	1	514	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	661
Total ...	4	1	514	.....	.....	1	1,100	2	661

C.

Cases in which Government is plaintiff.

	Total.	Decision.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	168	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	168	5,953
Zillah appeals	59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	1,216
Original suits	14	1	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	13	1,154
Total ...	241	1	55	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	8,323

(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	1	1,461	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	.....	.....	1	1,461	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt or for damages.

High Court	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	45,171
Zillah appeals	4	1	219	.....	.....	1	2,369	2	156
Original suits	27	21	1,73,287	1	50	.....	.....	5	1,69,712
Total ...	35	23	1,73,506	1	50	1	2,369	10	2,15,039

(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	6	2	9,350	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	13,478
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	157	108	4,15,849	7	44,454	.....	.....	42	10,388
Total ...	163	110	4,25,199	7	44,454	.....	.....	46	23,866

(9) Interpleader suit under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	1,025	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	1,025	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1883-84.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.											
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1883.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.						Pending on 31st March 1884.	Number pending on 31st March 1883.	Number instituted from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.	Total.	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.						Total.	Pending on 31st March 1884.	Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.	REMARKS.
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.		Remanded.					
				Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.															
High Court... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	163	191	354	1	16	...	1	...	1	...	...	1	2	22	332	...
Bankoora	3	3	6	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	2	4	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...
Beerbhoom... ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Burdwan	2	3	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	3	2	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	3	2	...
Hooghly	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	8	17	25	...	7	...	2	...	3	...	...	12	13	4	1	5	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1
Jessore	6	...	6	4	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khoolna	2	63	65	58	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	63	2	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	1	3	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	3	3	6	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore ...	3	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Pubna	5	5	10	...	1	...	2	...	3	...	...	8	2	2	1	3	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	1	1
Rajshahye	3	2	5	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Rungpore	2	1	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Darjeeling	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	2	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ...	8	2	10	...	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	8	2	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 2	2	2	4	...
Dacca	3	37	40	20	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	27	13	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore ...	2	2	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...
Mymensingh ...	2	2	4	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	...
Chittagong	32 (b)	41	73	...	56	1	5	...	...	...	...	62	11	22	17	39	7	11	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	20	19	...
Noakhally	1	4	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	7	6	13	2	3	...	4	...	...	...	...	9	4	12	55	67	45	16	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	61	6	...
Chumparun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Durbhunga ...	...	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	4	4	8	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mozufferpore ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	59	60	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	59	...
Sarun	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...
Patna	11	68	79	30	2	1	...	...	4	...	8	45	34	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore ...	2	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	15	2	17	..	16	...	...	...	1	...	...	17	...	...	15	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...
Monghyr	1 (c)	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	3	1	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Lohardugga ...	1	3	4	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..
Manbhoom ...	3	62	65	...	15	...	2	...	...	...	...	17	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singbhoom'... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	143	359	502	130	144	9	24	...	15	...	8	330	172	216	363	579	53	60	3	1	...	1	1	...	1	6	126	453	3

(*a*) Transferred to the High Court.
(*b*) There were two cases pending at the close of last year, but in one of them Government having no interest did not enter appearance : hence the discrepancy.
(*c*) *See* paragraph 9 of last year's report. As the Judge's order of remand was set aside by the High Court on appeal, the case did not actually come into the file of the Moonsif, and he had not occasion to try the case again; hence the case has been struck out of the statement.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of court in the Revenue Department from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
Burdwan	Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	1	17	70
	Beerbhoom	39	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	22	18	40
	Bankoora	563	.....	.....	563	.....	314	192	39	545
	Midnapore	120	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	1,134	39	1,173
	Hooghly	8	.....	.....	8	.....	20	2	.....	22
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	50,918	.....	.....	50,918	50	292	18	2,121	2,481
	Nuddea	14	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	2	33	35
	Jessore	27	.....	.....	27	32	344	171	.....	547
	Khoolna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	6
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	141	9	52	202
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	778	177	955
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	668	.....	.....	668	.....	.....	107	.....	107
	Dinagepore	426	.....	.....	426	100	.....	426	.....	526
	Pubna	351	.....	.....	351	3,892	552	1,646	42	6,132
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	48
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	4	19
Dacca	Dacca	1,133	.....	.....	1,132	.....	57	475	208	740
	Mymensingh	.....	.....	.....	.....	544	90	692	.....	1,326
	Furreedpore	480	.....	.....	480	1,390	.....	.....	70	1,460
	Backergunge	206	.....	.....	206	634	102	1,468	60	2,264
Patna	Patna	400	.....	.....	400	823	.....	14	466	1,303
	Mozufferpore	29	.....	.....	29	.....	6	.....	.....	6
	Gya	79	.....	.....	79	220	.....	49	42	311
	Durbhunga	679	.....	.....	679	.....	78	.....	.....	78
	Shahabad	131	.....	.....	131	.....	.....	80	26	166
	Sarun	1,448	.....	.....	1,448	.....	.....	2	178	180
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,265	.....	72	1,337
	Monghyr	14	.....	.....	14	.....	134	464	.....	598
	Maldah	10	.....	.....	10	.....	285	215	.....	500
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	178
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	1	.....	92
	Manbhoom	541	.....	.....	541	.....	192	289	.....	481
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	176	.....	.....	176	.....	.....	7	.....	7
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
	Balasore	14	.....	.....	14	.....	114	16	.....	130
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2
Chittagong	Chittagong	1,387	.....	.....	1,387	.....	105	1,506	131	1,742
	Noakhally	474	.....	.....	474	.....	.....	119	.....	119
	Tipperah	1,445	.....	.....	1,445	233	230	1,169	18	1,650
	Total	61,779	.....	.....	61,779	7,918	4,527	11,254	3,820	27,519

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.

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G.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding, on 1st April 1884.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1883.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.			Total.			Realized during 1883-84.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	725	.....	.....	311	.....	.....	1,036	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	1,036	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,036	.....	...
	Beerbhoom	6,381	1,792	60	18	370	.....	6,399	2,162	60	38	1	.....	6,361	2,161	60	.....	.....	.....	6,361	2,161	60
	Bankoora	4,495	482	13	853	272	42	5,348	754	55	513	21	29	4,835	733	26	39	.....	.....	4,796	733	26
	Midnapore	6,273	753	181	1,242	3	126	7,515	756	307	117	3	.....	7,398	753	307	.....	.....	.....	7,398	753	307
	Hooghly	85	2	.....	99	.....	13	184	2	13	6	2	.....	178	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	13
	24-Pergunnahs	(a) 4,51,726	1,37,536	28	99	43,486	.....	4,51,825	1,81,022	28	777	50,113	28	4,51,048	1,30,909	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,51,048	1,30,909	...
Presidency	Nuddea	15	15	97	.....	.....	.....	15	15	97	.....	.....	14	15	15	83	.....	... ..	.....	15	15	83
	Jessore	23	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	24	23	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Khulna	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	6	22	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	6
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Rungpore	595	.....	.....	107	1	.....	702	1	.....	668	.....	.....	34	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	1	...
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	413	2	11	413	2	11	413	2	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Pubna	.....	112	1,668	.....	74	39	.....	186	1,707	.. ...	21	330	.....	165	1,377	.....	34	370	.....	131	1,007
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	148	9	48	148	9	48	.....	.....	.....	148	9	48	.....	.....	.....	148	9	48
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	158	.....	18	158	.....	18	.. ...	.....	.....	158	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	158	.....	18
Dacca	Dacca	889	12	8	303	81	37	1,192	93	45	1,003	93	36	189	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	189	.....	9
	Mymensingh	.....	.....	.....	863	121	95	863	121	95	.....	.....	.....	863	121	95	.....	.....	.....	863	121	95
	Furreedpore	16	2	4	902	10	23	918	12	27	447	10	23	471	2	4	.....	.....	.....	471	2	4
	Backergunge	1,504	106	132	1,066	57	25	2,570	163	157	136	2	68	2,434	161	89	376	50	8	2,058	111	81
Patna	Patna	652	14	6	400	.....	.....	1,052	14	6	400	.....	.....	652	14	6	.....	.....	.....	652	14	6
	Mozufferpore	819	333	166	11	1	7	830	334	173	26	1	3	804	333	170	.....	.....	.....	804	333	170
	Gya	10,541	1,872	1,740	750	26	8	11,291	1,898	1,748	49	6	24	11,242	1,892	1,724	10,228	1,849	1,474	1,014	43	250
	Durbhunga	15	.....	.....	576	.....	88	591	.....	88	591	.....	88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Shahabad	959	.....	.....	36	5	21	995	5	21	105	5	21	890	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	890	.....	...
	Sarun	3,227	251	111	.....	126	178	3,227	377	289	1,272	121	55	1,955	256	234	... ..	.....	.....	1,955	256	234
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	6	1	7	6	1	7	6	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Maldah	1,635	.. ...	.....	303	.....	.....	1,938	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	1,928	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,928	.....	...
	Purneah	358	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	358	.....	...
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Chota Nagpore.	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	39	10	13	39	10	13	39	10	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Manbhoom	2,378	437	361	108	29	107	2,486	466	468	295	40	206	2,191	426	262	1,558	297	95	633	129	167
	Singhbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Hazaribagh	176	68	47	.....	.....	23	176	68	70	76	51	49	100	17	21	.....	.....	.....	100	17	21
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Balasore	25	.....	.....	1,122	.....	214	1,147	.....	214	14	.....	.....	1,133	.....	214	.....	.....	.....	1,133	.....	214
Chittagong	Chittagong	1,608	36	130	640	49	131	2,248	85	261	1,104	74	209	1,144	11	52	.....	.....	.....	1,144	11	52
	Noakhally	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	539	.....	.....	553	.....	.....	474	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79
	Tipperah	1,291	.....	87	277	45	34	1,568	45	121	1,279	45	121	289	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	289	.....	...
	Total	4,96,411	1,43,823	4,948	10,872	44,778	1,873	5,07,283	1,88,601	6,821	9,407	50,622	1,833	4,97,876	1,37,979	4,988	12,201	2,230	1,947	4,85,675	1,35,749	3,041

(a) This discrepancy of Rs. 200 is owing to that amount having all along been erroneously shown by the Collector as due from Mr. Andrews in excess of what was actually due from him.

H.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1884.

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I.

General abstract statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1883-84.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.			In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.		Remanded.				
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1883.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1884.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Burdwan	1	2	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	10	48	58	21	16	...	1	...	4	...	3	45	13	1	15	16	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	2
Hooghly	8	8	16	5	4	...	5	...	...	...	...	14	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
24-Pergunnahs ...	2	5	7	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Nuddea	1	25	26	24	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	25	1	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	
Jessore	4	71	75	59	2	1	4	...	...	1	...	67	8	...	3	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	
Khcolna	13	109	122	100	4	1	3	...	2	...	...	110	12	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	
Moorshedabad ...	3	28	31	10	2	...	2	...	4	...	...	18	13	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Dinagepore	6	7	13	9	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	12	1	...	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	
Rajshahye	5	8	13	7	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	11	2	(b)	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Rungpore	...	14	14	2	...	10	1	...	...	...	...	13	1	...	9	9	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	2
Pubna	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Bogra	(d)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Julpigoori	(b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dacca	2	12	14	5	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	8	6	1 (c)	4	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	
Furreedpore	...	19	19	14	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	15	4	5	2	7	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	5	1
Backergunge... ...	...	24	24	17	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	22	2	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Mymensing	3	28	31	23	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	27	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Tipperah	31	69	103	58	7	...	11	9	3	...	2	90	13	10	14	24	1	13	1	1	...	1	...	...	17	7	1
Chittagong	11	23	34	1	11	1	12	...	...	...	...	25	9	9	12	21	6	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	9	12	1
Noakhally	1	3	4	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Patna	3	4	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Durbhunga	...	10	10	1	1	...	...	...	7	...	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mozufferpore... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	2	...	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	... (a)	20	20	15	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	14	79	93	56	1	5	...	9	...	...	...	71	22	2	4	6	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...
Manbhoom	1	2	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	13	271	284	197	4	5	...	1	...	11	...	218	66	7	21	28	2	3	4	4	...	...	...	...	13	15	4
TOTAL ...	139	891	1,030	635	63	24	54	19	21	14	7	887	193	78	154	232	17	48	13	8	...	1	...	1	2	5	95	137	13

(a) The discrepancy is owing to the Surjapore estate having gone out of the hands of the Court of Wards.
(b) Ditto to an estate ditto ditto ditto.
(c) These appeals were not inadvertently shown by the manager in his statement of last year.
(d) The Cooch Behar estate having been released, the pending cases of last year have not been brought forward.

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Statement showing the amount expended in litigation, as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of court, from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hooghly ...	Sultangacha ward's estates.	3,272	.....	.....	3,272	.....	961	15	.....	82	1,058
Burdwan ...	Khandari estate	246	.....	17	263	.....	203	.....	.....	.....	203
Bankoora ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	32
Midnapore	Malishati estate ...	8,864	.....	.....	8,864	.....	.....	45	.....	73	118
	Jhargram ,, ...	42	.....	.....	42	.....	17	.....	.....	9	26
	Nischinta ,, ...	156	.....	.....	156	.....	345	16	.....	40	401
	Basuttarhinglee ,, ...	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Turkua ,, ...	24	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pathra ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	9
	Moisadul ,, ...	1,965	.....	.....	1,965	.....	1,572	92	.....	178	1,842
	Jamirapal ,, ...	85	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Beraberra ,, ...	228	.....	.....	228	.....	132	.....	.....	26	158
	Khekrahat ,, ...	4,470	.....	.....	4,470	.....	370	.....	.....	55	425
	Total ...	15,846	.....	.....	15,846	.....	2,436	153	.....	390	2,979
Jessore	Bogchur estate ...	Released.									
	Narail ,, ...	33,897	.....	.....	33,897	1,116	3,030	249	.....	241	4,636
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Khoolna	Ramnugur estate ...	8	.....	2,344	2,352	.....	365	39	.....	58	462
	Satkhira ,, ...	4,877	.....	.....	4,877	664	662	199	.....	1,123	2,648
	Total ...	4,885	.....	2,344	7,229	664	1,027	238	.....	1,181	3,110
Moorshedabad ...	Nashipore estate (mal)	67	.....	.....	67	29	.....	58	.....	.....	87
	Ditto ,, (debutter).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Byashpore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	169	.....	103	.....	.....	272
	A. N. Roy's ,, ...	6,956	.....	.....	6,956	636	9,471	242	.....	5,108	15,457
	Choan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	7,023	.....	.....	7,023	834	9,471	403	.....	5,108	15,816
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	5,853	.....	.....	5,853	.....	510	.....	.....	567	1,077
24-Pergunnahs ...	Halishahr estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74	.....	157	231
	Bowali ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Barranagore ,, ...	156	.....	.....	156	.....	.....	30	.....	657	687
	Bhowanipore ,,	41	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	18
	Ditto attached estate.	305	.....	.....	305	.....	.....	.....	.....	54	54
	Total ...	502	.....	.....	502	.....	.....	104	.....	886	990
Rungpore ...	Burdhenkotee estate ...	154	.....	.....	154	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Kamarpukur ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dinagepoe	Churamon estate ...	983	.....	.....	983	36	120	58	.....	65	279
	Kolanderpore ,, ...	Released.									
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	114	.....	.....	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	10
	Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Huripore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....	60
	Total ...	1,097	.....	.....	1,097	36	180	58	.....	75	349
Bogra ...	Hurrokishore Guha's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	Chowgong estate ...	2,261	.....	.....	2,261	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gobindpore ,, ...	135	.....	.....	135	.....	136	.....	.....	1	137
	Nowapara ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moinam ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Putea ,, ...	409	.....	.....	409	.....	443	2	.....	1	446
	Tahirpore, Junior estate	489	.....	.....	489	.....	104	.....	.....	.....	104
	Total ...	3,294	.....	.....	3,294	.....	683	2	.....	2	687
Julpigoree...	Cooch Behar estate ...	Released.									
Dacca ...	Wards estate	488	.....	.....	488	602	371	2,839	.....	728	4,540
Furreedpore	Wards estate	21	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mymensingh	Jajut Kishore Acharjy's estate.	3,609	.....	260	3,869	.....	.....	4,535	.....	1,862	6,397
Backergunge ...	Nocori Lall Chakrabutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Tarak Kumar Chakrabutty and brother's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nobo Durga Dabia's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bepin Behary Das' estate.	82	.....	.....	82	.....	10	2	.....	.....	12
	Hurro Kumar Das' estate.	Released.									
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Tipperah ...	Basarat Ally Chowdhry's estate.	2,423	.....	.....	2,423	.....	.....	192	.....	2,993	3,185
Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhry's estate.	.....	.....	115	115	55	.....	.....	.....	100	155
	Romesh Chundra Chowdhry's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	10	.....	.....	.....	31
	Magon Das Roy's estate	.....	.....	188	188	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
	Nyan Tara's ,,	.....	.....	292	292	93	.....	.....	.....	22	115
	Rajkissen Banerjee's ,,	.....	.....	407	407	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	80
	Fazal Ahmed's ,,	.....	.....	125	125	384	.....	.....	.....	116	500
	Asad Ali Khan's ,,	.....	.....	625	625	26	550	.....	.....	28	604
	Fazl Ali Khan's ,,	.....	.....	535	535	271	.....	.....	.....	133	404
	Total ...	.....	.....	2,287	2,287	955	560	.....	.....	399	1,914
Noakhally	Ananga Mohun Mozumdar's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Courjon estate	6	.....	968	974	.....	47	.....	.....	290	337
	Gunga Churn Mozumdar's estate.	29	.....	28	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7
	Total ...	35	.....	996	1,031	.....	47	.....	.....	297	344
Durbhunga ...	Nurhan estate	54	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,637	1,637
Sarun ...	Ward's estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shahabad ...	Despatty Singh's estate	52	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	206	206
	Rughunundun Prasad Singh's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	268	268
	Total ...	52	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	474	474
Patna ...	Debi Prosad, lunatic's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	867	.....	87	964
	Bhagbut Narayan's estate.	22	.....	.....	22	.....	53	67	.....	.....	120
	Total ...	22	.....	.....	22	.....	63	934	.....	87	1,084
Monghyr ...	Malpa estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Phulberia ,, ...	.....	.....	108	108	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Chantham ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lalpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	4,282	.....	.....	4,282	.....	418	.....	.....	14	432
	Surjapore ,, ...					Released.					
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate ...	591	.....	.....	591	.....	275	.....	.....	49	324
Bhagulpore	Ward's estate ...	422	.....	.....	422	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate ...	78	.....	1,658	1,736	.....	829	.....	.....	1,987	2,816
	Jeridih ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	743	14	.....	626	1,383
	Serampore ,, ...	191	.....	807	998	.....	.....	.....	.....	860	860
	Total ...	269	.....	2,465	2,734	.....	1,572	14	.....	3,473	5,059
Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate ...	282	.....	46,604	46,886	991	2,299	.....	.....	8,127	11,417
	Pungrikalan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manbhoom ...	Nowagurh estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	21
Pooree ...	Ward's estate	483	.....	.....	483	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	45
	Grand Total ...	59,184	.....	55,081	1,14,265	5,198	24,116	9,759	.....	28,717	67,790

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General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1883.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Hooghly ...	Ward's estate (Sultangatcha).	(a)30,023	(a)2,508	(a)1,428	3,103	813	610	33,131	3,321	2,038
	Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	1,324	1,148	347	.....	9	384	1,324	1,157	731
		Chowghuriah ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	1,155	72	8	1,155	72	8
		Total ...	1,324	1,148	347	1,155	81	392	2,479	1,229	739
	Bankoora ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,070	.....	.....	1,070
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapal estate ...	225	88	26	.....	.....	.....	225	88	26
		Pathra ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	100	... ..	30	100	.....	30
		Baruttar Hinglee estate.	.....	.....	...	8	.....	4	8	.....	4
		Beraberia estate ...	(b)535	(b)447	(b)228	1,645	.....	230	2,180	447	458
		Nischinta ,, ...	11,876	(b)682	(b)730	1,329	198	363	13,205	880	1,093
		Malighati ,, ...	7,439	737	(c)519	.....	600	89	7,439	1,337	608
		Tarkua ,, ...	(b)24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....
		Beluria ,, ...	1,163	193	176	.....	9	.....	1,163	202	176
		Moisadul ,, ...	(b)24,959	(b)7,711	(b)1,750	8,321	1,051	3,271	33,280	8,762	5,021
		Khetrahat ,, ...	10,101	401	593	.....	530	112	10,101	931	705
		Jhargram ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	35	7	.....	35
		Total ...	56,322	10,259	4,022	11,410	2,388	4,134	67,732	12,647	8,156
Presidency.	Jessore ...	Bogchur estate ...	Released.								
		Narail ,, ...	64,114	13,084	9,442	21,816	4,086	3,911	85,930	17,170	13,353
	Moorshedabad	Nashipore estate (mal).	1,223	1,288	662	.....	.....	.....	1,223	1,288	662
		Nashipur estate (debuttur).	.....	.....	429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429
		Byaspore estate ...	23	15	18	.....	... ..	137	23	15	155
		Choan ,, ...	Released.								
		Cossim Bazar ,, of A. N. Roy.	49,337	13,194	5,345	3,266	662	1,416	52,603	12,856	6,761
		Total ...	50,583	13,497	6,454	3,266	662	1,553	53,849	14,159	8,007
	Khoolna ...	Ramnagar estate ...	1,850	1,693	1,030	387	407	254	2,237	2,100	1,284
		Satkhira ,, ...	(d)28,964	10,868	6,028	3,550	1,318	1,531	32,514	12,186	7,559
		Total ...	30,814	12,561	7,058	3,937	1,725	1,785	34,751	14,286	8,843
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	6,826	1,048	1,472	3,634	441	594	10,460	1,489	2,066
	24-Pergunnahs	Halishahr estate ...	15	.....	46	.....	3	.....	15	3	46
		Bawali ,, ...	841	57	532	.....	.....	.....	841	57	532
		Burranagore ,, ...	1,112	110	252	109	... ..	79	1,221	110	331
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	(b)2,318	19	50	.....	7	4	2,318	26	54
		Bhowanipore ,, (attached).	(b)613	16	40	.....	2	4	615	18	44
		Total ...	4,899	202	920	109	12	87	5,008	214	1,007
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore ...	Churamun estate ...	1,797	(b)27	306	568	101	50	2,365	128	356
		Kolanderpore ,, ...	Released.								
		Sunkerpore ,, ...	422	794	829	.....	.....	10	422	794	839
		Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Haripore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	741	227	78	741	227	78
		Total ...	2,219	821	1,135	1,309	328	138	3,528	1,149	1,273
	Rungpore ...	Bardhankotee estate...	300	127	38	209	.....	26	509	127	64
		Kamarpukur ,, ...	512	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	512	.....	16
		Total ..	812	127	54	209	.....	26	1,021	127	80
	Rajshahye ...	Chowgong estate ...	14,459	2,071	1,472	.....	803	179	14,459	2,874	1,651
		Gobindpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	605	34	201	635	34	201
		Nawapara ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Mainam ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Putea ,, ...	6,781	50	222	568	242	81	7,349	292	303
		Tahirpore ,, junior.	(e)4,064	(e)449	(e)892	352	23	55	4,416	472	947
		Total ...	25,304	2,570	2,586	1,525	1,102	516	26,829	3,672	3,102
	Julpigoree ...	Cooch Behar estate ...	Released.								
Dacca.	Dacca ...	Wards estates	(f)1,673	(f) 221	(f)340	3,091	256	174	4,764	477	514
	Furreedpore ...	Wards estates	186	19	56	.....	.....	.....	186	19	56
	Mymensingh ...	Jagat Kishore Acharjya's estate.	4,827	1,208	1,184	.....	156	45	4,827	1,364	1,229

(a) The manager says that his figures in the statement of last year were
(b) It has been explained by the manager that the discrepancies are
(c) The discrepancy is owing to omission of fractions.
(d) The discrepancy is owing to a claim in a certain case having been
(e) The discrepancies are owing to a certain portion of the estate having
(f) The discrepancies are owing to Moulvie Eradut Ali's estate having

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1884.

Realized during 1883-84.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2,851	323	98	30,280	2,998	1,940	1,077	41	63	28,603	2,957	1,877
106	49	108	1,218	1,108	623	.....	.....	.....	1,218	1,108	623
.....	.....	.....	1,155	72	8	.....	.....	.....	1,155	72	8
106	49	108	2,373	1,180	631	.....	.....	.....	2,373	1,180	631
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,070	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,070
.....	85	.. ...	225	3	26	.....	.....	.....	225	3	26
.....	.....	.....	100	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	30
8	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
77	129	22	2,103	318	436	.....	.....	.....	2,103	318	436
117	1	38	13,088	879	1,055	.....	.....	.....	13,088	879	1,055
7,114	1,259	491	325	78	117	.....	.....	.....	325	78	117
24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	1,163	202	176	1,163	202	176	.....	.....	.....
1,172	143	650	32,108	8,619	4,371	1,000	1,980	.....	31,108	6,639	4,371
3,400	625	445	6,701	306	260	.....	.....	.....	6,701	306	260
7	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11,919	2,242	1,685	55,813	10,405	6,471	2,163	2,182	176	53,650	8,223	6,295
				Released.							
26,767	2,903	4,227	59,163	14,267	9,126	.....	.....	.....	59,163	14,267	9,126
61	4	2	1,162	1,284	660	.....	.....	.....	1,162	1,284	660
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429
.....	.....	.....	23	15	155	.....	.....	.....	23	15	155
				Released.							
5,687	483	786	46,916	12,373	5,975	25,986	10,928	3,521	20,930	1,445	2,454
5,748	487	788	48,101	13,672	7,219	25,986	10,928	3,521	22,115	2,744	3,698
1,075	819	458	1,162	1,281	826	414	910	251	748	371	575
2,745	828	1,304	29,769	11,358	6,255	3,268	74	444	26,501	11,284	5,811
3,820	1,647	1,762	30,931	12,639	7,081	3,682	984	695	27,249	11,655	6,386
4,056	691	1,107	6,404	798	959	.. ...	.....	.....	6,404	798	959
.....	... ..	.....	15	3	46	.....	.....	.....	15	3	46
.....	.....	... ..	841	57	532	.....	.....	.....	841	57	532
115	6	35	1,106	104	296	197	.....	.....	909	104	296
23	2	16	2,295	24	38	.....	.....	.....	2,295	24	38
277	9	19	336	9	25	75	.....	.....	261	9	25
415	17	70	4,593	197	937	272	.....	.....	4,321	197	937
815	25	143	1,550	103	213	7	.....	.....	1,543	103	213
111	.....	3	311	794	836	.....	.....	.....	311	794	836
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	741	227	78	.....	.....	.....	741	227	78
926	25	146	2,602	1,124	1,127	7	.....	.....	2,595	1,124	1,127
154	.....	.....	355	127	64	146	127	38	209	.....	26
.....	.....	.....	512	.. ...	16	512	.....	16	.....	.....	.....
154	.....	.....	867	127	80	658	127	54	209	... ..	26
1,017	473	771	13,442	2,401	880	1,332	361	71	12,110	2,040	809
135	.....	.....	470	34	201	.....	.....	.....	470	34	201
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
313	37	59	7,036	255	244	5,622	43	64	1,414	212	180
445	13	31	3,971	459	916	2,084	253	768	1,887	206	148
1,910	523	861	24,919	3,149	2,241	9,038	657	903	15,881	2,492	1,338
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
443	4	41	4,321	473	473	... .	.....	.....	4,321	473	473
21	.....	.....	165	19	56	.....	.....	.....	165	19	56
2,942	381	546	1,885	983	683	721	261	.....	1,164	722	683

not accurate. The figures now given are correct.
owing to wrong calculation in his statement of last year. The figures now given are correct.

reduced on review.
been released during the year to Kumar Tarakeshwar Roy.
been released in April 1883.

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1883.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dacca—*contd.*	Backergunge...	Nocori Lall Chuckerbutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Taruk Cumar Chuckerbutty and brothers' estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nobo Durga Debya's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jakut Narain Roy's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Bepin Behary Das's estate.	1,060 (Released since.)	177	205	.....	.....	.....	1,060	177	205
		Hurro Kumar Das's estate.	966	2	84	.....	.....	.....	966	2	84
		Total ...	2,026	179	289	.....	.....	.....	2,026	179	289
Chittagong.	Tipperah ...	Basarut Ali Chowdhury's estate.	5,454	745	678	.....	350	480	5,454	1,095	1,158
	Chittagong ...	Hedait Ali Chowdhury's estate.	50	.....	4	95	15	7	145	15	11
		Romesh Chundra Chowdhury's estate.	347	676	129	.....	51	14	347	727	143
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	565	311	215	.....	24	23	565	335	238
		Nyan Tara's estate ...	588	437	292	57	5	14	645	442	306
		Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	330	12	15	.....	74	9	330	86	24
		Fuzl Ahmed's estate...	1,224	181	304	.....	.....	.....	1,224	181	304
		Asad Ali Khan's ,, ...	3,735	475	239	16	264	192	3,751	739	431
		Fazl Ali Khan's ,, ...	1,584	65	6	20	.....	67	1,604	65	73
		Total ...	8,423	2,157	1,204	188	433	326	8,611	2,590	1,530
	Noakhally ...	Anunga Mohun Mozumdar's estate.	24	38	18	.....	.....	.....	24	38	18
		Gunga Churn Mozumdar's estate.	81	40	29	.....	.....	.....	81	40	29
		Courjon estate ...	1,155	249	386	2	40	91	1,157	289	477
		Total ...	1,260	327	433	2	40	91	1,262	367	524
Patna.	Durbhunga ...	Nurhan estate ...	6,157	33,430	5,758	.....	3,983	20	6,157	37,413	5,778
	Sarun ...	Wards estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad ...	Despatty Singh's estate.	(*g*)1,790	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,790	.....	.....
		Rughunundun Prosad Singh's estate.	586	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	586	.....	.....
		Total ...	2,376	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,376	.....	.....
	Patna ...	Bhagbant Narain's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	42	.....	8	42
		Debi Prosad lunatic's estate.	.....	27	78	.....	5	.....	.....	32	78
		Total ...	.....	27	78	.....	13	42	.....	40	120
Bhagulpore.	Monghyr ...	Malpa estate	1,954	(*b*)375	(*b*)16	.....	89	.....	1,954	464	16
		Phulberia estate ...	966	2,465	753	.....	11	.....	966	2,476	753
		Chantham ,, ...	874	168	.....	.....	42	.....	874	210	.....
		Lalpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	3,794	3,008	769	.....	142	.....	3,794	3,150	769
	Purneah ...	Rasulpore estate ...	5,030	7,121	452	3,642 Released.	1,303	295	8,672	8,424	747
		Surjapore ,, ...									
	Maldah ...	Chanchal ,, ...	892	776	25	1,272	467	324	2,164	1,243	349
	Bhagulpore ...	Ward's ,, ...	601	879	207	.....	.....	.....	601	879	207
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Nowaghur ,, ...	903	382	68	.....	55	.....	903	437	68
		Katras ,, ...	1,117	288	4	.....	.....	.....	1,117	288	4
		Total ...	2,020	670	72	.....	55	.....	2,020	725	72
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate	32,903	4,316	24,216	34,801	6,417	5,555	67,704	10,733	29,771
		Pungri Khalan ,,	1,028	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,028	.....	.....
			33,931	4,316	24,216	34,801	6,417	5,555	68,732	10,733	29,771
	Singbhoom ...	Wards estates ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	3,257	874	2,196	2,472	449	929	5,729	1,323	3,125
		Jiridih ,, ...	(*b*)672	(*b*)562	(*b*)159	995	1,080	193	1,667	1,642	352
		Serampore ,, ...	679	220	382	478	93	270	1,157	313	652
		Total ...	4,608	1,656	2,737	3,945	1,622	1,392	8,553	3,278	4,129
Orissa.	Cuttack ...	Wards estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore ...	Ditto	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Poori	Wards estates ...	.....	.....	.....	564	.....	12	564	.....	12
		Grand Total ...	3,56,498	1,14,564	73,416	98,983	26,875	23,572	4,55,481	1,41,439	96,988

(*b*) It has been explained by the manager that the discrepancies are
(*g*) The discrepancy is owing to a mistake in the manager's statement

concluded.

Realized during 1893-84.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
82	.....	.....	978	177	205	.....	.....	.....	978	177	205
.....	.....	.....	966	2	84	.....	.....	.....	966	2	84
82	.....	.....	1,944	179	289	.....	.....	.....	1,944	179	289
1,583	39	801	3,871	1,056	357	136	.....	13	3,735	1,056	344
93	15	7	52	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	4
.....	.....	.....	347	727	143	.....	.....	.....	347	727	143
172	8	8	393	327	230	.....	.....	.....	393	327	230
222	19	51	423	423	255	.....	.....	.....	423	423	255
316	74	17	14	12	7	.....	.....	.....	14	12	7
76	8	41	1,148	173	263	.....	.....	.....	1,148	173	263
414	60	151	3,337	679	280	252	.....	21	3,085	679	259
474	5	56	1,130	60	17	.....	.....	.....	1,130	60	17
1,767	189	331	6,844	2,401	1,199	252	.....	21	6,592	2,401	1,178
.....	.....	.....	24	38	18	.....	.....	.....	24	38	18
38	6	13	43	34	16	.....	.....	.....	43	34	16
732	45	197	425	244	280	.....	.....	.....	425	244	280
770	51	210	492	316	314	.....	.....	.....	492	316	314
48	6	.....	6,109	37,407	5,778	.....	.....	.....	6,109	37,407	5,778
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
52	.....	.....	1,738	.....	.....	1,724	.....	.....	14	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	586	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	586	.....	.....
52	.....	.....	2,324	.....	.....	1,724	.....	.....	600	.....	.....
.....	8	14	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28
.....	.....	.....	.....	32	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	78
.....	8	14	.....	32	106	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	106
.....	.....	.....	1,954	464	16	.....	.....	.....	1,954	464	16
70	15	23	896	2,461	730	790	2,238	552	106	223	178
.....	.....	.....	874	210	.....	853	204	.....	21	6	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
70	15	23	3,724	3,135	746	1,643	2,442	552	2,081	693	194
3,554	386	342	5,118	8,038	405	.....	.....	.....	5,118	8,038	405
301	86	204	1,863	1,157	145	.....	133	.....	1,863	1,024	145
363	39	20	238	840	187	.....	.....	.....	238	840	187
.....	.....	.....	903	437	68	.....	.....	.....	903	437	68
.....	.....	.....	1,117	288	4	1,117	288	4	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	2,020	725	72	1,117	288	4	903	437	68
37,384	4,510	4,992	30,320	6,223	24,779	6,278	1,682	9,284	24,042	4,541	15,495
.....	.....	.....	1,028	.....	.....	1,028	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37,384	4,510	4,992	31,348	6,223	24,779	7,306	1,682	9,284	24,042	4,541	15,495
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,291	118	327	4,488	1,205	2,798	238	70	151	4,200	1,135	2,647
.....	.....	.....	1,667	1,642	352	.....	.....	.....	1,667	1,642	352
698	100	200	459	213	452	.....	.....	.....	459	213	452
1,989	218	527	6,564	3,060	3,602	238	70	151	6,326	2,990	3,451
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
471	.....	12	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	.....	.....
1,10,512	14,839	18,915	3,44,968	1,26,600	78,073	56,620	19,795	15,437	2,88,349	1,06,805	62,636

owing to wrong calculation in his statement of last year. The figures now given are correct.
of last year.

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General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper Suits was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1884.

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1883.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1883 to 31st March 1884.			Total.			Realized during 1883-84.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	950	.....	.....	315	.....	.....	1,265	.....	.....	454	.....	.....	811	.....	.....	287	.....	.....	524	.....	.....	75
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
	Bankoora	664	31	108	356	.....	73	1,020	31	181	427	.....	51	593	31	130	282	31	30	311	.....	100	67
	Midnapore	4,510	.....	60	3,997	.....	75	8,507	.....	135	474	.....	16	8,033	.....	119	.....	.....	.....	8,033	.....	119	75
	Hooghly	3,494	.....	196	579	35	67	4,073	35	263	1,000	35	72	3,073	.....	191	24	.....	.....	3,049	.....	191	69
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	7,481	.....	263	3,661	.....	61	11,142	.....	324	1,192	.....	92	9,950	.....	232	5,884	.....	122	4,066	.....	110	201
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jessore	2,153	.....	105	987	.....	39	3,140	.....	144	1,589	.....	34	1,551	.....	110	.....	.....	.....	1,551	.....	110	39
	Khoolna	997	.....	.....	136	.....	14	1,133	.....	14	76	.....	12	1,057	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,057	.....	2	.....
	Moorshedabad	481	.....	172	542	.....	49	1,023	.....	221	141	.....	49	882	.....	172	.....	.....	.....	882	.....	172	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	554	.....	.....	223	.....	16	777	.....	16	74	.....	.....	703	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	703	.....	16	18
	Rungpore	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....
	Pubna	.....	.....	119	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	144	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	104	.....	.....	22	.....	.....	82	.....
	Julpigoree	.....	1	.....	565	.....	.....	565	1	.....	565	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	3,777	.....	124	2,637	.....	122	6,414	.....	246	2,211	.....	36	4,203	.....	210	609	.....	21	3,594	.....	189	113
	Mymensingh	796	.....	26	598	13	46	1,394	12	72	300	10	4	1,094	2	68	384	.....	.....	710	2	68	46
	Furreedpore	170	.....	5	.....	8	40	170	8	45	80	5	20	90	3	25	.....	.....	.....	90	3	25	.....
	Backergunge	1,915	24	29	590	.....	8	2,505	24	37	730	12	26	1,775	12	11	.....	.....	.....	1,775	12	11	12
Patna	Patna	10,623	.....	.....	1,290	.....	.....	11,913	.....	.....	1,037	.....	.....	10,876	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,876	.....	.....	.....
	Mozufferpore	384	.....	214	622	.....	15	1,006	.....	229	285	.....	.....	721	.....	229	249	.....	31	472	.....	198	11
	Gya	1,352	62	66	610	24	.....	1,962	86	66	.....	.....	.....	1,962	86	66	.....	.....	.....	1,962	86	66	1
	Durbhunga	273	.....	.....	98	.....	.....	371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	371	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad	1,722	.....	21	241	.....	2	1,963	.....	23	475	.....	1	1,488	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	1,488	.....	22	15
	Sarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	36
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	401	.....	.....	101	.....	.....	502	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	424	.....	.....	103	.....	.....	321	.....	.....	51
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
	Manbhoom	2,850	.....	37	.....	.....	4	2,850	.....	41	9	.....	.....	2,841	.....	41	2,783	.....	32	58	.....	9	3
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	821	30	19	275	.....	2	1,096	30	21	6	.....	.....	1,090	30	21	780	30	13	310	.....	8	.....
Orissa	Pooree	1,616	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,616	.....	.....	210	.....	.....	1,406	.....	.....	225	.....	.....	1,181	.....	.....	.....
	Cuttack	.....	.....	265	.....	5	1,792	.....	5	2,057	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,057	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	2,057	5
	Balasore	1,027	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,027	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,027	.....	.....	1,027	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong	316	.....	90	125	.....	24	441	.....	114	170	.....	53	271	.....	61	256	.....	45	15	.....	16	24
	Noakhally	.....	.....	461	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	491	.....	.....	107	.....	.....	384	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	384	.....
	Tipperah	3,894	.....	25	235	.....	12	4,129	.....	37	.....	.....	10	4,129	.....	27	411	.....	12	3,718	.....	15	11
	Total	53,221	148	2,467	18,861	84	2,562	72,082	232	5,029	11,583	62	646	60,499	170	4,383	13,304	61	328	47,195	109	4,055	895

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RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Darjeeling, the 20th August 1884.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1883-84.

Read also—

The Reports for the two preceding years, and the orders of Government thereon.

Of the two appeals pending in the Privy Council at the close of the year 1882-83, one was dismissed in December last, and in the other a compromise will, it is anticipated, be effected. Towards the end of the year under review another appeal was preferred, and this is still pending. In all three cases Government was the respondent as representing minors under the Court of Wards.

2. The chief statistical data of the civil litigation in which Government was a party during the last three years are given in the following statement :—

Cases.		1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Before the High Court—				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	4	15	17
	Ditto against ditto ...	2	4	1
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	1	4	4
	Total ...	7	23	22
Before the Lower Courts—				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	28	587	96
	Ditto against ditto ...	5	325	3
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	2	11	5
	Total ...	35	923	104
Original cases	Decided in favour of Government ...	1,077	274	274
	Ditto against ditto ...	440	102	33
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	257	45	23
	Total ...	1,774	421	330
TOTAL ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	1,109	876	387
	Ditto against ditto ...	447	431	37
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	260	60	32
	Total ...	1,816	1,367	456

3. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government was 91 as compared with 67 in 1882-83 and 71 in 1881-82. The amount of civil litigation in which Government was a party during the year 1883-84 was unusually small, the reason assigned by the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs being that a mass of cases connected with the settlement of the Jellamootha and Majnamootha Estates, in the district of Midnapore, were decided in the two previous years. This explanation is, however, not wholly sufficient to explain the decrease, as the average number of cases during the three years preceding 1880-81, in which year the great increase, owing to the cases of the Midnapore ryots, first came to notice, was 726·6 compared with 456 in 1883-84. It seems probable therefore that other causes also contributed to this result.

4. The percentage of cases decided against Government in the lower appellate courts was only 3. In the year preceding that under review, owing to adverse decisions in the Midnapore enhancement cases, it was 36. The like percentage in original cases also shows an improvement, that in 1883-84 being 11 as compared with 27 in 1882-83. The total value of the cases in which decisions were given unfavourable to Government was Rs. 93,773. Of this amount, Rs. 44,454 were decreed in land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870, and Rs. 35,790 was the value in suits to obtain possession of land, estates or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts. None of the cases decided against Government appear to have been of any special interest or importance.

5. The result of the litigation in which the Court of Wards was interested during the past three years was as follows:—

	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.
Decided in favour of wards	1,862	1,633	763
Ditto against ditto	90	127	99
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ..	46	229	70
	1,998	1,989	932

The decrease was chiefly owing to the release by the Court of Wards of the Cooch Behar Estate in Julpigoree, regarding which, in 1882-83, 666 original cases were decided. There was a decrease of 224 original suits decided in Midnapore, and of 282 in the districts of Jessore, Backergunge and Tipperah. The decrease in the first-named district was probably due to settlement of the disputes with the ryots; the decrease in the other three is not explained.

6. The amount realized on account of Government decrees during the year was Rs. 61,862 out of a demand of Rs. 7,02,705. A sum of Rs. 50,002, however, was recovered from the Canning Municipality; and, excluding this amount, only Rs. 11,860 were recovered out of a demand of Rs. 71,425 to be realized during the year. The percentage of recovery was $8\frac{4}{5}$ as compared with $2\frac{1}{4}$ and $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in 1882-83 and 1881-82 respectively. Exclusive of the amount realized from the Canning Municipality, the percentage of realization was 16·6 per cent. The chief outstanding balances were Rs. 8,582 in Beerbhoom, Rs. 5,555 in Bankoora, and Rs. 8,458 in Midnapore.

7. In Wards' cases the amount under realization was Rs. 6,93,908, of which Rs. 1,44,266 were recovered. The percentage of recovery was $20\frac{4}{5}$. In 1882-83 this percentage was $22\frac{1}{12}$ and in 1881-82, $28\frac{1}{5}$. The heaviest balances are shown in the following districts:—Jessore Rs. 82,556, Durbhunga Rs. 49,294, Lohardugga Rs. 44,078, Khoolna Rs. 43,596, Midnapore Rs. 42,118, Moorshedabad Rs. 24,829. The amount under realization decreased from Rs. 9,77,868 in 1882-83 to Rs. 6,93,908 in the year under review; but this decrease was apparently due to the release of estates by the Court of Wards, and not to any improvement in recoveries. The small percentage of realizations of amounts due to Government generally under decrees in all districts indicates either a defect in the rules which have been approved, or laxity in carrying out their provisions. The Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs will be asked to give his attention to this subject, and to say if any alterations in the rules of 1879, relating to execution of decrees in which Government is a party, is desirable. The present results are most unsatisfactory.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. B. PEACOCK,

Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 2108J—D.

COPY forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information, with the request that the Lieutenant-Governor may be favoured with any suggestions he may wish to make in regard to the proposed amendment of the rules of 1879, relating to the execution of decrees in which Government is a party.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

A. E. STALEY,

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

DARJEELING,
The 20th August 1884.

W. LcB.—Reg. No. 710T—21-8-84

REPORT

ON

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FROM T. T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 16*th July* 1885.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation, in which Government was concerned, during the official year 1884-85.

2. Of the two appeals pending in the Privy Council at the close of last year, the appeal of Rani Juggodishwaree *versus* Kumar Bissesur Roy and another, minor, under the Court of Wards, has since been compromised, and the appeal was withdrawn on the 4th of March last. The second appeal of Tekait Ram Chundra Singh *versus* Madhu Koeri and others, under the Court of Wards, is still pending in the Privy Council.

3. No fresh appeal has been filed in the Privy Council during the year under review, but an appeal was pending in the Privy Council since 1882, in which Grish Chundra Maiti was appellant, and Rani Anundo Moyee Debee, respondent. Subsequent to the filing of this appeal, the respondent adopted a son, named Bhupendronarain Roy, who has been declared a minor, and his estate was brought under the Court of Wards in October 1883. It was only in April last, through the Collector of Midnapore having enquired about this appeal, that it came to the knowledge of this office. The minor's name has since been substituted as respondent in the appeal, and the supplemental record was sent to England in December last. Thus, towards the end of the year under review, there are two appeals pending in the Privy Council, in which Government represents minors under the Court of Wards as respondents.

4. The following is the result of Government litigation in all the courts of Bengal, wherein Government was a party, as compared with that of the two previous years :—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Government ...	876	387	448
Decided against Government ...	431	37	148
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	60	32	102
Percentage in favour of Government ...	67	91¼	75

5. The percentage in favour of Government is less than that of the previous year, owing to some 104 land acquisition cases having been decided partly against Government in the districts of 24-Pergunnahs, Patna, Dacca, and Khulna. In these cases the Judge slightly increased the amount of compensation beyond what the Collector had offered to the claimants.

6. The result of Government litigation in the High Court in 1884-85, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows :—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Government ...	15	17	24
Decided against Government ...	4	1	1
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	4	4	4
Percentage in favour of Government ...	79	94⅓	96

7. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government is therefore very satisfactory.

8. The case decided against Government in the High Court during the last year is of great importance. This case is fully reported in the I. L. R., Cal., Vol. XI, page 200, and I therefore need not dwell on the particulars here. Briefly, it was a suit to set aside a revenue sale on the ground of irregularity in the service of sale notices, &c. The first court dismissed the suit; but on appeal, the Division Bench, Mitter and Tottenham, J. J., differed in their opinion, and a reference was made to the Full Bench, which has ruled that where the notification of sale required by section 6, Act XI of 1859, has not been affixed clear 30 days before the date of sale mentioned in it, the Collector ceases to have any jurisdiction to put up the property for sale. The Senior Government Pleader says "that, by this decision of the Full Bench, the machinery which the law provides for recovery of Government revenue has been rendered considerably abortive; whether the defaulter sustained any material injury or not is not a necessary question to be gone into, and the defaulter need not sue within one year as the law directs, nor is the presumption arising from the grant of a sale certificate under section 8, Act VII of 1867, to be drawn." He suggests that "the law ought to be recast, otherwise a revenue sale would give as insecure a title to the purchaser as a sale in execution of a decree of a civil court, and perhaps worse, and the general consequence would be a material deterioration of the real value of property at such sale."

Lala Mobaruk Lal and others *versus* Government and others.

These remarks appear to me quite just, and the effect of the ruling should be considered by the Board of Revenue.

9. The result of Government litigation in the lower appellate courts in 1884-85, as compared with the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Government	587	96	111
Decided against Government	325	3	8
Compromised, remanded, and withdrawn ...	11	5	8
Percentage in favour of Government	64	97	93

10. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government in the lower appellate courts is therefore not unfavourable.

11. The following is a short account of the cases we lost in the lower appellate courts.

12. The plaintiffs brought this suit for the determination of their rights to certain lands, alleged to belong to their estate Belooa, which were encroached on by Government in the settlement of mouzah Haulbhangah. We compromised the suit in the first court by giving up possession of the land included in the survey boundaries of the plaintiffs' mouzah as demarcated by the civil court ameen, and the plaintiffs giving up costs of the suit and mesne profits from the time of dispossession up to delivery of possession. But the plaintiffs being dissatisfied with the decree of the lower court, by which they got only 151 out of 155 bighas of land claimed, preferred an appeal to the Judge. We did not object to the appeal being decreed, but said that as it was necessitated only by the plaintiffs' own laches, and which could have been remedied by the less expensive process of a review, we claimed our costs. But the Judge decreed the appeal with costs against us.

Pubna.

Bhoobun Moyee Debee and others, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Government, defendant, respondent.

13. Plaintiff Damodur Chuckerbutty brought this suit to recover possession of some 72,000 bigahs of land as part of his permanently-settled estate Damodur Chuck, which was subsequently settled with Gooroo Prasad Mundal and others as part of their temporarily-settled estate Dukhin Areah. We compromised the suit with the plaintiff by allowing him possession of the land claimed, and he foregoing all claims to mesne profits and costs. The co-defendants, however, appealed to the Judge on the ground that they were not bound by the solenamah, entered into by the Government

Midnapore.

Goorooprasad Mundle and four others, defendants, appellants, *versus* Damoodur Charan Chuckerbutty, plaintiff, and Government, defendant, respondents.

with the plaintiff, that the plaintiff was not entitled to bring one suit against several defendants for different causes of action, and that the land in suit was not proved to be a part and parcel of the plaintiff's mouzah. We urged that the co-defendants had no right of appeal against the Secretary of State for India in Council, and that the grounds set forth did not at all touch Government, and prayed for costs. The appeal was, however, decreed in modification by the Judge, and no order was passed as regards our costs. The appeal was conducted without reference to this office.

14. In this case the plaintiff claimed the estates of two vaishnabees, who died intestate at Cutwa. He based his claim on the strength of long established local custom, which gave him the right, as the head of the vaishnab sect, within certain limits, to appropriate the property of all vaishnabs who are initiated in the rites of vaishnabism by a member of his family, and who die intestate without heirs. We pleaded *res judicata* as the plaintiff's claim was once rejected by the Judge, denied the alleged custom,and urged that it was vague, uncertain, unreasonable, and could not be operative. The Munsiff dismissed the plaintiff's suit with costs, but on appeal the Subordinate Judge reversed the Munsiff's judgment and decreed the appeal. The local officer recommended a second appeal, but Mr. Garrett, the Officiating Legal Remembrancer, thought it unnecessary to appeal, as he found no error of law in the Subordinate Judge's judgment.

Burdwan.

Rughoonundun Gossami, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Government defendant, respondent.

15. The plaintiffs brought this suit to obtain release from enhancement of rent of their taluq, Chand Tulados, which they said was created before the decennial settlement, stating that its jumma was permanent, never altered nor liable to be enhanced. The Subordinate Judge, who tried the case in the first instance, held that the taluq in question was not a permanent one, and that its jumma was variable, and accordingly decreed the suit in modification of the plaintiff's claim, by fixing the annual rent of the taluq at Rs. 239-8-3, in place of Rs. 361-15, demanded by Government. Against this decision the plaintiffs appealed, and the Judge held that the taluq in question was in existence as far back as 1792, and the plaintiffs are paying the same jumma as was then fixed. That in 1835, when the parent estate fell into arrears of revenue, and was purchased by Government, the Government had attempted to enhance the jumma, but somehow or other the attempt was abandoned, and the talook settled with the plaintiff's ancestors at the old jumma, allowing them malikana and collection charges. From this he concluded that the jumma of the talook could not be enhanced, and accordingly reversed the lower court's order and decreed the appeal. A second appeal has been preferred, and it is now pending in the High Court.

Tipperah.

Chundra Madhub Das and others, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* the Secretary of State for India, in Council, defendent, respondent.

16. The plaintiff brought this suit to obtain settlement of a piece of land, a ditch, which the settlement officer recorded in the name of another person in his measurement chitta. Our contention was that the land in question being waste, neither the plaintiff nor anybody else had any right to it. The Munsiff dismissed the suit, as the plaintiff failed to prove his case, and, moreover, he thought the claim was barred by limitation. But on appeal the Subordinate Judge found on evidence that both the plaintiff and the person whose name was recorded in the chitta were in possession of the disputed ditch, and accordingly decreed the appeal partially, and ordered the plaintiff's name to be recorded in the measurement papers along with the other defendant.

Chittagong.

* Kali Kinkur Surmah, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

17. This is one of the three cases for claims to surplus sale proceeds which were decided against us, and reported in paragraph 31 of this office report for 1882-83. The appeal was filed by the Collector on his own responsibility, and the Judge found on evidence that the right of the recorded proprietor was transferred to the plaintiff and his vendor long before the revenue sale, and therefore they were entitled to the surplus sale proceeds, and accordingly dismissed the appeal.

Chittagong.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant, *versus* Surrut Chunder Chowdhry, plaintiff, respondent.

Chittagong.

Rajdooluth Sircar, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

18. This case is similar to that of Kali Kinkur Surmah, *versus* Government, reported in paragraph 16 foregoing.

Backergunge.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant, *versus* Debnath Dutt Chowdhry and others, plaintiff, respondents.

19. This case was fully reported in paragraph 25 of last year's report. The Subordinate Judge of Backergunge, relying on the evidence adduced by the plaintiff, dismissed the appeal, and my predecessor concurred with the local authorities in thinking that there were no grounds for preferring a second appeal to the High Court.

20. The following is the result of Government litigation in the courts of first instance during 1884-85, as compared with the two previous years :—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Government ...	274	274	313
Decided against Government	102	33	139
Compromised and withdrawn	45	23	90
Percentage in favour of Government ...	73	89	69

21. The decrease in the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government in the courts of first instance is owing to the reason already assigned.

22. Of the 139 cases decided against Government, 104 were land acquisition cases, in which the Judge awarded the claimants in each case a little more than what the Collector had offered—these cases were conducted without reference to this office;—and of the remaining 35 cases, five from the districts noted in the margin were also not reported. I give below particulars of the remaining cases which were reported to this office.

Bankoora...	1
Midnapore	1
Backergunge	1
Dacca	1
Pubna	1

Chittagong.

Mahomed Hamidullah, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

23. In this case the plaintiff claimed 3 kanis and 4 gundas of land as belonging to his talook, which Government in the new settlement entered in the chitta as noabad. We contended that the measurement chitta was correct, and the land in dispute did not belong to the plaintiff's talook. The Munsif believing on the evidence adduced by the plaintiff decreed the suit with costs. An appeal has however been filed in anticipation of sanction of this office.

Secretary of State for India in Council, *versus* Ishan Chunder Dey.

24. This suit was brought for possession of a little bit of land as appertaining to the estate of Moulvie Abdoollah, which has devolved on the Crown by way of escheat. Defendant denied that Moulvie Abdoollah ever possessed any right or title to the land in question, and he having proved by evidence his purchase of the land from one Kebulkishen, the suit was dismissed. Against this decision an appeal was filed without the sanction of this office, but has since been withdrawn on our direction.

Surrut Chunder Chowdhry.
versus.
Secretary of State for India in Council.

25. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover possession of a noabad talook which he purchased at a revenue sale. We admitted the fact of sale, but pleaded that the sale was held by mistake, the talook in question having been previously acquired by Government under Act VI of 1857. The court held that the sale was made by mistake, but under the circumstances of the case, gave the plaintiff a decree for Rs. 297-8 being equal to the amount paid by Government when the talook was acquired under the provisions of Act VI of 1857. Against this decision an appeal has been filed, which is still pending.

Tipperah.

Poresh Nath Sen.
versus.
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

26. The subject matter of this suit is that some three talooks were settled with the plaintiff's ancestors for 47 years. That in 1877 two of the talooks were washed away by the river, and the present plaintiff demanded abatement of rent, but as one of the talooks was still in existence, the Collector refused his prayer, on the ground that according to the terms of the kabuliyat he was not entitled to the abatement prayed for.

The plaintiff therefore brought this suit for setting aside the jummabundi made under Act VII of 1868, and for refund of the rents paid by him for past and current years. The court decided the last point against the plaintiff, but relying on the evidence adduced by him gave a modified decree in his favour, and saddled Government with a major portion of the costs of the suit.

27. The plaintiffs brought this suit for declaration of their right to, and for recovery of possession of, 601 bigahs of land as a re-formation in old site of their mouzahs Sajearah and Alipara, which in the last ryotwari settlement Government wrongly measured and settled as part of chur Chooadangah. We denied the plaintiffs' allegation, and said that the land in dispute was an accretion to chur Chooadanga; and, as such, was farmed out from time to time. The Subordinate Judge, however, gave a partial decree to the plaintiffs, and against this decision we have filed an appeal to the High Court where it is now pending.

Burdwan.
Mahomed Kafiluddin and others
versus.
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

28. This suit was for recovery of possession of some 53 bigahs of land in which the plaintiff as a tenant of one Kaliprosad Shah, has a right to, but from which he was wrongfully dispossessed by the orders of Government officers, and also for price of the crops which the plaintiff produced in the land at the time of dispossession. We claimed the land as part of our khas mehal. The court deputed a civil court ameen to ascertain, by measurement, whether the whole or any portion of the disputed land fall within the survey line of the estate of Kaliprosad Shah. The ameen reported that a portion of the disputed land falls within that estate, and the court, on the basis of that report, gave a decree to the plaintiff for that portion of the land.

Malda.
Dyoram Mundle,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

29. The plaintiffs brought this suit to recover possession of some 14 bigahs of land alleging the same to be a re-formation on the original site of their estate Kalikapore, but from which they were said to have been dispossessed by a proceeding under section 530, Criminal Procedure Code, in 1880. They also claimed mesne profits from the time of dispossession. The court found from the thak map filed by the plaintiffs and also from the civil court ameen's map and oral evidence adduced by the plaintiffs that they were in possession of a portion of the disputed land, and accordingly gave a decree for 184 out of 318 bighas of land claimed with proportionate costs and mesne profits. Against this decision an appeal has been filed, which is now pending before the Lower Appellate Court.

Rungpore,
Woomesh Gobind Muzumdar and others.
versus,
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

30. The facts of this case are that in mouzah Chandipore, which is a putni talook of the plaintiffs, Government acquired some 11 bighas and 3 cottahs of land under Act X of 1870 for railway purposes, for which Rs. 461-7 was awarded by the Deputy Collector as compensation, but there being conflicting claims to the money between the putnidars and the mouroosidars the matter was referred to the Judge, who ordered the whole amount to be paid to the mouroosidar, and rejected the plaintiffs' claim on the 28th August 1878. Thereupon the Collector paid the money to the mouroosidar on the 31st January 1879, *i.e.*, after the time for appeal was over. Messrs. Watson and Company, however, appealed to the High Court against the District Judge's order rejecting their claims, and the case was remanded, when the District Judge on the 17th February 1881, awarded to the putnidars Rs. 288-6-3 out of the whole amount of compensation. Thereupon the putnidars claimed the money from the Collector, but as the money had been already paid out to the mouroosidar, the Collector asked the latter to refund the money. They paid Rs. 50 and wanted time to pay the remainder, but subsequently refused to pay the balance. Whereupon Messrs. Watson and Company brought this suit to recover Rs. 288-6-3 with interest thereon. It was contended on the part of Government that as the first order of the Judge was not appealed against in proper time or notice of such appeal having been preferred given to the Collector he was justified

Nuddea.
Messrs. Watson and Company,
versus.
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

in paying the money to the person adjudged to receive it by a competent court. The Small Cause Court Judge of Kooshtea who tried the case, held that the Collector before making payment of the compensation money, should have enquired whether an appeal was actually preferred or not; that he should have at least served a notice on the putnidars enquiring of them if they had appealed or had any objection to the payment of the money to the mouroosidar. He accordingly decreed the suit with costs both against Government and the mouroosidar. No appeal lies against this order of the Small Cause Court Judge, but a rule under section 522, Code of Civil Procedure, might have been obtained by an application to the High Court, but as the matter had not been reported to me in proper time, and such a long period had been allowed to elapse since the Small Cause Court gave its decree, it was hopeless to think of success in that direction. There is no denying that between the Small Cause Court and the Collector there has been mismanagement in this case.

31. The plaintiff brought this suit for a declaration of his mourasi and mokruri right to some 72 bigahs of land in the Port Canning estate by upholding a pottah granted to his vendor by Government. On a consideration of the facts of the case, Mr. Garrett, did not think it advisable to defend the suit, and accordingly allowed the suit to be decided *ex parte* against Government.

24-Pergunnahs.

Boidonath Sirdar, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

32. These cases were brought to set aside a sale made on account of arrears of road cess on the ground of irregularities in the service of sale notices. We did not support the sale and allowed the case to be decreed, as there was clearly some irregularities in the issue of sale notifications. Government was, however, exempted from paying costs of the plaintiffs.

Patna.

Talakdhari Singh *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Mussamut Chooloo *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

Amiruddin *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

33. This is a suit to recover surplus sale proceeds of a revenue paying estate. The Collector could not pay the amount to the plaintiff as his name was not entered as a proprietor in the Collector's register. But when the plaintiff served a notice under section 424, Code of Civil Procedure, and it was sent to this office for opinion, the Collector was advised to pay the money to the plaintiff, but as the suit had been instituted before the offer of payment was made, the suit was decreed with costs.

Durbhunga.

Roy Bunwari Lal *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

34. The plaintiffs brought this suit for a declaration of their right to a settlement in supersession of one made by Government with another party. We urged that the plaintiffs were not entitled to a settlement from Government and that their claim to it was barred by limitation. As the plaintiffs proved their title and previous possession, the Munsif decreed their suit, but exempted Government from paying their costs.

Sarun.

Sobran Lal and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

35. In this case the plaintiff as mutwalee of the khankah at Sasseram claims all the moveable and immoveable properties belonging to the said khankah as being granted by Shah Alum for religious purposes, but from which he is said to have been dispossessed by Government from 1st September 1875. We contend that the khankah is intended only for secular and not for religious purposes; that since 1865 that khankah has been regulated under Regulation XIX of 1810, and therefore limitation bars the plaintiff's case; that the plaintiff in a previous case between Ahmed Hossein and himself, admitted that the khankah was for secular purposes, and he cannot therefore now be heard to say that it is for religious purposes; that half of the disputed properties had been illegally granted by Shah Alum to the plaintiff, and consequently the said properties were resumed by Government in 1836 under the provisions of Regulation II of 1819; that the properties are not ancestral, and the Government considering them to be of a secular nature legally supervised them under Regulation XIX of 1810. The Subordinate Judge, however, decreed the plaintiff's suit with this modification, that Government can only supervise half the disputed properties. An appeal has been filed against this decision to the High Court, where it is still pending.

Shahabad.

Shah Mohiuddin Ahmed *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

36. The facts of this case are that defendant, Durga Sing and his co-sharer in Seaban 1286 F.S., by mortgaging certain property borrowed from the plaintiff the sum of Rs. 1,399. But as Durga Sing has subsequently been convicted on a criminal charge and transported for life, his properties have been confiscated by Government and advertised for sale. It is to recover the above sum of Rs. 1,399 with interest and costs that the plaintiffs brought this suit, making Government a party to it, and ask for postponement of the sale till the case was decided. We admitted the correctness of the mortgage deed and that the property belonged to the defendant Durga Sing, but even then the Government was entitled to put the equity of redemption to sale, &c. The Subordinate Judge however, decreed the plaintiffs' claim, holding at the same time that Government was entitled to put 12th part of the property to auction sale and made each party liable for his own costs. Against this decision an appeal has been filed, which is still pending.

Bhagirath Shaha
versus.
1, Durga Sing and others.
2. The Secretary of State for India in Council.

37. This suit was brought for possession of village Nya Hajeepore sold for arrears of Government revenue, and for setting aside the sale on the ground of irregularity in conducting the sale. We contended that the suit could not be maintained in the Civil Court, and that there was no irregularity in conducting the sale. The Court, however, found that the notification of sale under section 6, Act XI of 1859, had not been affixed 30 clear days before date of sale, and accordingly reversed the sale and decreed the plaintiff's suit. No appeal was filed as the recent Full Bench decision in the case of Lala Mobaruk Lal *versus* Government, reported in paragraph is conclusive.

Gya.
Shah Keramut Hossein and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

38. In these cases the plaintiffs sought to establish their mourasi and lakheraj rights upon certain lands. We contended that the lands in dispute appertained to Government estates and also pleaded limitation. The plaintiffs, however, proved their respective rights and adverse possession for 12 years, and the Munsif accordingly decreed the cases in their favour. The local authorities have filed appeals against the Munsif's decision, which are still pending.

Dacca.
1 Indramohun Sur *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.
2 Baharullah Mia, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

39. This suit was brought to set aside the sale of a talook which was sold for the realization of fine imposed on the proprietors for default in submitting road cess returns. The plaintiff stated that there was no default on his part; that the fine was wrongly imposed on him, and that the certificate and sale proceedings were all illegal and irregular. We simply pleaded that if the court holds that the certificate and sale proceedings were irregular and liable to be set aside, still the Collector was not liable for the costs of the suit inasmuch as all notices, proclamations, and attachments were served on the plaintiff, and he did not raise any objection against them. The court held that the sale was irregular and illegal, and therefore set it aside, but exonerated the Collector from paying cost of the plaintiff.

Furreedpore.
Durgaprosad Chowdhry, *versus* the Collector of Furreedpore, on behalf of the Road Cess Committee.

40. The plaintiff brought this suit for setting aside the sale of a talook, and for recovery of possession of the same on the ground that the Collector had no authority to issue certificate for realization of interest due on purchase money ordered to be refunded, and to order sale on default. Our defence was that as no notice under section 424 of the Civil Procedure Code was given by the plaintiff before Government was made a party to the suit the plaint should be rejected, and we also pleaded limitation. The court held that as Government was made a party by order of the High Court, subsequent to the institution of the suit, the want of notice was no defect in bar. On the merits the court found that the Collector had no jurisdiction to issue certificates for realization of interest due to auction purchasers on the money ordered to be refunded to them, and that there were irregularities in the publication of sale notices and proclamations, and accordingly decided the case in favour of the plaintiff.

Mymensingh.
Rajah Krishnakamal Sing *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

41. The remaining nine cases are not of any importance.

42. The result of wards' litigation in all the Courts of Bengal during 1884-85, as compared with the two previous years is as follows:—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	1,633	763	700
Decided against Court of Wards	127	99	121
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	229	70	56
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	92¾	88½	85¼

43. The slight decrease in the percentage of favourable decisions is owing apparently to a larger number of original cases decided against, and a smaller number decided in favour of, the Court of Wards in the districts of Lohardugga and Midnapore, than in the previous year, as will be seen from the figures below:—

		Decided in favour of Court of Wards.	Decided against Court of Wards.
Lohardugga ...	1883-84	201	5
	1884-85	85	13
Midnapore ...	1883-84	37	1
	1884-85	13	9

But none of the cases decided against the Court of Wards in these districts were reported to this office. In fact, out of 121 cases decided against the Court of Wards during the year under review, this office is responsible for 23 cases only, in which the defence was approved by the Legal Remembrancer, the rest being conducted without reference to this office.

44. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the High Court during 1884-85, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	14	18	29
Decided against Court of Wards	6	1	3
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	9	8	1
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	70	94	90⅝

45. Although the percentage is somewhat less than that of the previous year, it is, I consider, satisfactory.

46. The following is a brief account of the three cases decided against the Court of Wards by the High Court.

47. This was an appeal to set aside a sale of the minor's property made in execution of a decree passed before the Court of Wards had the control. The purchaser at the sale was the decree-holder, co-sharers of the minor, and it was contended on behalf of the latter that while the price realized was inadequate, there had been unfair dealing on the decree-holders' part to which that result was owing. The High Court, however, refused to endorse this view, and the appeal consequently failed.

Chunder Kant Roy and Brothers, minors of Jhapsa, judgment-debtors, appellants, *versus* Doorga Churn Pal, and others, auction-purchasers, respondents.

48. This was a petty rent-suit, the litigation in which had been conducted in the mofussil without reference to this office, and resulted favourably to the Court of Wards. On special appeal, however, the High Court reversed the Subordinate Judge's decision.

Appeal from appellate decree No. 1320 *of* 1883.

Baboo Budrinarain Singh, defendant, appellant, *versus* Baboo Raghoonundun Prasad Singh, minor under the Court of Wards, plaintiff, respondent.

49. This appeal was not in reality unfavourable, for while the High Court dismissed our appeal, it declared that the uncertainty, to remove which from the Lower Court's decree had been our object, did not exist, at least that there was nothing in the said decree to militate against our minor's rights, thus securing for us the very object we aimed at.

Dinesh Chunder Roy and Hem Chunder Roy, minors under the Court of Wards, defendants 9 and 10, appellants *versus* Mathura Nath Roy, plaintiff respondent.

50. The result of wards' litigation in the lower appellate courts in 1884-85, as compared with the two previous years, is as follows:—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	39	47	40
Decided against Court of Wards	34	20	25
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	1	1	9
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	53⅓	70	61½

51. The decrease in the percentage is owing chiefly to unfavourable results in the following districts as compared with the results of the previous year:—

		Decided in favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.
Lohardugga	1883-84	5	8
	1884-85	6	10
Midnapore	1883-84	4	2
	1884-85	6	5
Tipperah	1883-84	14	2
	1884-85	5	5

Thus it will be seen that out of 25 appeals decided against the Court of Wards throughout Bengal, 20 belong to the above three districts, and which were not reported to this office. In fact, only two out of 25 adverse cases were conducted after reference to this office, and I give below a short account of these two appeals.

52. The particulars of this case have been reported in paragraph 55 of last year's report. An appeal was filed simply on the ground of limitation, but the District Judge concurred with the Lower Court and dismissed the appeal.

Rajshahye.

Ranee Soobhadra Kumari under the Court of Wards, defendant, appellant, *versus* Mohini Nath Bishi, plaintiff, respondent.

53. The facts of this case are:—One Sumaruddin held a howla within the plaintiff's putni mehal, and had his name registered in the putnidar's sherista. This tenure was sold in 1863 in execution of a money decree, and was purchased by one Denonath, who again sold it to the defendant in 1865. The plaintiff then brought a suit against Sumiruddin's heirs for the rent of 1279 B.S., and got an *ex parte* decree, and in execution thereof purchased the tenure in 1878 at Re. 1. The plaintiffs then brought this suit for possession against the defendant Modun and Summiruddin's heirs. The munsiff dismissed the suit, on the ground that although the defendant was the holder of an occupancy tenure transferable by custom, he was not bound to register his name in the putindar's sherista, and consequently the rent decree and sale in execution thereof, cannot affect the defendant's title derived by purchase at sale in execution of a money decree. Against this decision an appeal was filed, but the Judge held that the suit was barred by limitation, and accordingly dismissed the appeal. The local authorities were all for preferring a second appeal, but Mr. Garrett thought there was no ground, as the Court of Wards nowhere admitted Modun as its tenant, and as the tenure was sold in 1863, and the present suit was brought more than 12 years after, no second appeal was filed.

Furreedpore.

Chunder Coomar Roy, and others, minors under the Court of Wards, plaintiffs, appellants, *versus* Modun Mohun Shaha, defendant, respondent.

54. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the Court of first instance in 1884-85, as compared with the two previous years:—

	1882-83	1883-84	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	1,580	698	631
Do. against Ditto ...	87	78	93
Compromised and withdrawn ...	219	61	46
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	95	90	87⅓

55. The slight decrease in the percentage of favourable decisions is owing to the reason already explained in paragraph 43. Out of 93 cases decided

against the Court of Wards, only 14 were reported to this office, and I give below particulars of some of the cases.

56. The plaintiff, a seputnidar, sued not to set aside the sale, but to recover possession by the declaration of his seputni right, on the ground that the purchaser was precluded by fraud from exercising the rights which belong to auction-purchaser of a talook sold for its own arrears. He said that the mehal was sold fraudulently and among other reasons asserted that it had been advertized in a wrong name, sold in an unusual manner and bought in *benamee*. We denied the plaintiff's allegations, and urged that his claim was barred by limitation. Both the lower courts dismissed the plaintiff's claim on the ground of limitation, but on second appeal the High Court remanded the case to the first court for re-trial on merits. The first court has now, it appears from the Government pleader's statement, decreed the plaintiff's suit; but on what ground, and whether an appeal has been filed or not, have not been reported to this office.

Burdwan.

Troylucko Nath Mitter *versus* Abdool Salem, minor under the Court of Wards, and others.

57. The plaintiffs in these cases sued to set aside the sale of putni mehals Malancha, Lalpore, Anupnagore and Kistodebbatty, under Regulation VIII of 1819, on the ground that on the day of sale and before the commencement of sale everything due on account of the said mehals was offered and tendered to the defendant, but it was not accepted, and that the mehals were sold at a very low price on account of certain irregularities in conducting the sale. It was contended on the part of the Court of Wards that the plaintiffs not having registered their names in the zemindar's sheristah have no right to sue; that no valid or legal tender was made of the arrears in proper time, that notice of demand and of sale were duly published; that there was no irregularity in conducting the sale, which resulted in the putnis being sold in an inadequate price.

Moorshedabad.

1. Jogobundhoo Roy and another *versus* Rani Subhadro Kumari and Kumar Ranjeet Sing, minors under the Court of Wards.
2. Jogobundhoo Roy and another *versus* Rani Subhadro Kumari and Kumar Ranjeet Sing, minors under the Court of Wards.
3. Kali Prasad Ghose and others *versus* Rani Subhadro Kumari and Kumar Ranjeet Sing, minors under the Court of Wards.
4. Chundro Prasad Roy and others *versus* Rani Subhadro Kumari and Kumar Ranjeet Sing, minors under the Court of Wards.

The Subordinate Judge has decreed the suits and revsered the sale, but on what ground, and whether appeal have been preferred or not, have not been reported to this office.

58. The facts of this case are that Tarak Nath Chowdry, the proprietor of estate Haripore, died, leaving a minor widow, Peary Sundoree Chowdhranee, authorizing her to adopt a son, that Peary Sundoree accordingly adopted one Romonibulluv Roy, but he also died, leaving a widow, the present minor under the Court of Wards, that during the minority of Peary Sundoree, her certificated guardian Jumbhobotee, fraudulently and without the sanction of the Judge, sold 4 annas share of Lot Madhubpore to one Ramnath Roy, who was then mooktear of the estate as well as of the defendant, that Ramnath thereafter caused a separate account to be opened and then defaulted, and the property was put up to sale. In this sale Ramnath Roy bought the property in the name of Raghobendronarain Roy, who is the son-in-law of Jumbhobotee. It is to recover the aforesaid property that this suit was brought. The Subordinate Judge, however, dismissed the suit on the ground that the sale was for valid necessity for the payment of debts incurred by the last male owner, and therefore it could not be set aside. Against this decision no appeal has been filed, as Mr. Garrett was of opinion that a purchaser at a sale for arrears of revenue gets an indefeasible title, and is not liable to lose the property owing to any latent flaw in the defaulter's title.

Dinagepore.

Sowdaminee Dosee, minor under the Court of Wards, *versus* Raghobendronarain Chowdry and others.

59. This was a suit to set aside the sale of a talook made under Regulation VIII of 1819, although the arrear was deposited in Court. It was contended on the part of the defendant that as no notice of deposit reached the defendant before the sale, the sale could not be impeached; but the Court decreed the suit on the ground that there was no evidence to show that sale notifications were duly served.

Chittagong.

Noor Mahomed and others *versus* Srimoti Nyantara under the Court of Wards

60. Plaintiff sued to recover possession of a piece of land in mouzah Bashghur, within pergunnah Sakdi, of which he purchased a 5-anna odd gunda share, sold for arrears of revenue at a public auction, and from which he is said to have been dispossessed by the defendants. It was contended on the part of the minor, that the land in dispute appertains to taluq Baloram Mozumdar, which is a permanently-settled estate of the defendant, and limitation was also pleaded. The Court held that the plaintiff purchased the entire estate and not a share only, and as the defendant's taluq lies within plaintiff's zemindaree, it was ordered to be set aside, and khas possession given of the land in dispute to the plaintiff.

Noakholly.

Syud Hosseinally Chowdhry *versus* Anangamohun Mozumdar, minor under the Court of Wards, and others.

61. This suit was brought to establish plaintiff's right to receive malikana in mouzah Odoypore, which he said was all along deducted from the rent payable by him to the defendant, but which the defendant latterly refused to recognize. Defendant pleaded that the plaintiff has no malikana right, nor did he ever recognize it. He wanted proof from the plaintiff of his having such right, but he did not give any. The moonsiff gave a decree to the plaintiff, and against this decision an appeal has been filed without reference to this office.

Durbhunga.

Busraj Chowdhry *versus* Barhamnarain Sing, minor under the Court of Wards.

62. The following table shows the amount of Government decrees recovered during 1884-85, as compared with the two preceding years:—

		1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	6,73,982	7,02,705	6,42,647
Realized during the year	...	14,997	61,862	20,407
Percentage of recovery	...	2¼	8⅘	3⅕

63. It would seem from the above figures that the percentage of recovery is less than that of the previous year, but it is not actually so. The amount under realization includes Rs. 5,81,280, due from the Canning Municipality, out of which nothing has been realized during the year, and there is no chance of any further realization, as the municipal estates have been purchased by Government; so leaving out the above amount from the total amount under realization, the percentage would exceed 33, and consequently is better than that of the two preceding years. Deducting the figures of the Canning estates, the actual amount outstanding at the close of the year is Rs. 30,775. The heaviest balances are in the following districts:—

Bancoora, Rs. 4,679.—Out of this amount Rs. 82 have since been realized; Rs. 204 are under appeals, Rs. 4,072 are due from one Ashootosh Ghose whose property is being enquired into. Upwards of Rs. 5,000 were due from this person, and by the sale of the property he had in Bancoora more than Rs. 1,300 have been realized. As he is respectably connected, I have asked the Collector to take out a warrant against his person. The remainder is under execution.

Midnapore, Rs. 4,716.—Out of this sum Rs. 178 have since been realized; Rs. 2,298 are being realized by instalments; Rs. 1,393 irrecoverable and fit for remission, and the rest under process of recovery.

Maldah, Rs. 8,993.—Out of this sum Rs. 234 represent costs for ascertaining mesne profits in a certain case, which will be recovered along with the mesne profits; Rs. 72 are under appeals, and the rest decreed only during the latter part of the year and not yet executed.

Chittagong, Rs. 2,092.—Out of this amount Rs. 1,528 could not be recovered, as the debtors have preferred appeals; Rs. 335 are covered by instalment bonds, and nothing was done for the recovery of the remainder, as it was only decreed at the latter end of the year under review.

64. The following table shows the amount of wards, decrees recovered during 1884-85, as compared with the two previous years:—

		1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	9,77,868	6,93,908	5,72,757
Realized during the year	...	2,15,910	1,44,266	1,02,253
Percentage of recovery ...	...	22	20	19¾

65. The percentage of recovery is almost the same as in the previous year, but the total outstanding balance has been further reduced. This is not, however, due to better realizations, but owing to some estates having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards, and the Narail Manager being unable to show the decrees of the Ejmali Estate in his annual statement of the present year.

66. The heaviest balances are in the following districts :—

	Rs.
Hooghly.	
Sooltangatcha Estate	26,076
Midnapore.	
Basudebpore Estate	25,326
Jessore.	
Narail Estate	28,672
Moorsheedabad.	
Cossimbazar Estate	18,628
Khoolna.	
Satkhira Estate	56,087
Rajshahye.	
Dighaputia Estate	82,403
Durbhunga.	
Nurhan Estate	50,107
Lohurdugga.	
Chota Nagpore Estate	35,360

67. The reason for the falling off of the percentage of recovery of wards' decrees is partly due to an almost complete non-realization in some of the estates, as for instance in the Narail Estate, out of a total demand of Rs. 36,853, only Rs. 1,385 realized :—

	Rs.	Rs.
In Sooltangatcha Estate, out of	36,520	... 3,590 realized.
In Satkhira Estate, out of	60,332	... 1,820 „
In Nurhan Estate, out of	51,924	... 42 „
In the Estate of Basharutali Chowdhry, out of ...	5,073	... nothing.

nothing has been realized; but, generally speaking, the cause of this small percentage of realization is, I fear, due to an entire want of interest on the part of local officers joined to the inherent difficulty of the task among a people whose seizable property is so small, and so easily concealed or placed beyond the reach of attachment.

68. Mr. H. Beverley was in charge of the office from 1st to 8th April 1884. From 9th to 23rd the office remained in charge of the Deputy Legal Remembrancer, Mr. G. C. Kilby, who made over charge to Mr. C. B. Garrett on the 24th idem, and from that day Mr. Garrett had charge up to the 23rd of January 1885. I took charge of the office on my return from England on the morning of the 24th, and continued in charge to the close of the year.

69. The following changes occurred in the office of the District Government Pleaders during the year under review:—Baboo Rohiny Kumar Bysakh, B.L., was appointed Government Pleader of Mymensingh (17th December 1884), *vice* Baboo Poorno Chunder Roy, resigned; and Baboo Indronarain Chukravarti has been appointed a Junior Pleader at Gya (18th July 1884), to conduct all criminal cases before the Sessions Court.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free, or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	135	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	135	16,265
Zillah appeals	5	4	2,357	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,125
Original suits	12	6	3,269	1	140	.....	.....	5	72,181
Total ...	152	10	5,626	1	140	.....	.....	141	89,571

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	161
Original suits	7	4	450	1	85	1	130	1	1,775
Total ...	9	4	450	1	85	1	130	3	1,936

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	5	2	267	.....	.....	1	18,156	2	598
Zillah appeals	16	7	951	2	265	3	94	4	359
Original suits	8	6	549	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	50
Total ...	29	15	1,767	2	265	4	18,250	8	1,007

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	1	195	.....	.....	1	175
Original suits	2	1	175	.....	.....	1	400	.....	.....
Total ...	4	1	175	1	195	1	400	1	175

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c. &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	440	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	7	3	338	1	274	1	15,000	2	6,004
Total ...	8	4	778	1	274	1	15,000	2	6,004

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demand.

High Court	4	1	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	927
Zillah appeals	9	7	2,867	1	139	.....	.....	1	234
Original suits	35	11	862	5	426	2	138	17	2,141
Total ...	48	19	3,779	6	565	2	138	21	3,302

(9) Suits for wasilut, or for the recovery of costs, or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property, or purchase money.

High Court	5	2	875	.....	.....	3	10,693	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	13	5	3,390	1	1,223	4	366	3	550
Original suits	22	13	3,528	5	714	.....	.....	4	8,430
Total ...	40	20	7,793	6	1,942	7	11,059	7	8,980

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court	23	9	1,47,615	.....	.....	1	585	13	23,173
Zillah appeals	41	8	11,711	3	366	.....	.....	30	6,143
Original suits	113	33	10,497	12	3,23,521	37	46,337	31	1,50,922
Total ...	177	50	1,69,823	15	3,23,887	38	46,922	74	1,80,238

(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *proforma*.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	628
Total ...	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	628

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	8	2	2,516	1	33,000	.....	.....	5	18,409
Zillah appeals	4	2	4,260	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	363
Original suits	37	12	42,250	6	68,304	2	5,900	17	1,67,459
Total ...	49	16	49,026	7	1,01,304	2	5,900	24	1,86,231

(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	2	2	294	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	2	2	2,526	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	259
Total ...	5	4	2,820	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	259

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to lands or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	7	.....	.....	2	2,310	5	214	.....	.....
Total ...	7	.....	.....	2	2,310	5	214	.....	.....

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over whom the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales, or regarding confirmation, or quashing of butwarrahs, or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,100
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	7	3	2,927	.....	.....	1	118	3	325
Total ...	8	3	2,927	.....	.....	1	118	4	1,425

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or to levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	223	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	223	7,760
Zillah appeals	71	71	1,687	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	13	12	452	.....	.....	1	702	.....	.....
Total ...	307	83	2,139	.....	.....	1	702	223	7,760

(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	98	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt or for damages.

High Court	8	2	11,219	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	1,48,042
Zillah appeals	8	4	580	.....	.....	1	50	3	3,515
Original suits	18	13	1,41,818	2	100	.....	.....	3	66,668
Total ...	34	19	1,53,617	2	100	1	50	12	2,18,225

(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	4	4	13,477	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	487	194	67,974	104	1,88,907	38	54,126	151	3,10,047
Total ...	491	198	81,451	104	1,88,907	38	54,126	151	3,10,047

(9) Interpleader suits under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1884-85.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.											
	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.												DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.													
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1884.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1885.	Number pending on the 31st March 1884.	Number instituted from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.	Total.	In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1885.	Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.	REMARKS.
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	332	86	418	2	22	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	3	29	389	...	
Bankura	...	18	18	...	6	...	1	...	...	...	...	7	11	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Beerbhoom ...	2	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Burdwan	2	4	6	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	2	2	...	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Hooghly	1	4	5	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Midnapore ...	13	11	24	...	12	...	1	...	4	...	...	17	7	1	6	7	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Khoolna	2	10	12	8	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	10	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Moorshedabad ...	3	2	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nuddea	1	2	3	..	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
24-Pergunnahs ...	3	350	353	147	4	48	1	23	...	3	...	226	127	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dinagepore ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pubna	2	4	6	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	4	2	1 (c)	3	4	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	
Rajshahye	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	15	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	
Rungpore	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Darjeeling	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Julpigoree	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Backergunge ...	3 (a)	2	5	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	4	1	5	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	
Dacca	13	16	29	12	...	8	2	...	...	...	...	22	7	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	
Furreedpore ...	1	2	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	3	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	
Mymensingh ...	...	4	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Chittagong	11	43	54	2	30	1	4	...	3	...	...	40	14	19	12	31	2	12	1	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	21	10	1	
Noakhally	3 (a)	2	5	...	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	
Tipperah	3	11	14	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	11	6	1	7	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	...	
Champarun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Durbhunga ...	12	2	14	12	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	13	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gya	2	5	7	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	4	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Mozufferpore ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	59	11	70	...	70	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	70	...	...	
Sarun	2	7	9	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Shahabad	1	7	8	...	1	...	6	...	1	...	...	8	...	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	...	...	
Patna	34	89	123	34	3	47	3	...	...	14	...	101	22	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Bhagulpore ...	5	...	5	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	2	... (b)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Maldah	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Purneah	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Balasore	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Pooree	... (d)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hazaribagh ...	... (e)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lohardugga ...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Manbhoom	48	5	53	1	13	...	1	...	36	...	...	51	2	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	172	608	780	218	95	108	31	23	48	18	1	542	238	453	139	592	12	123	2	7	...	...	2	1	...	9	156	436	2	

(a)—The discrepancy of one case is owing to its having been inadvertently shown at Tipperah instead of at Backergunge, where it was actually pending. The error has now been rectified.
(b)—The 15 cases shown as pending at the close of last year have been shown at Rajshahye this year.
(c)—These cases were shown as pending at Maldah last year.
(d)—There was one case shown as pending at the close of last year. It has now been shown by transfer at Lohardugga.
(e)—One of these two cases was shown as pending at Hazaribagh at the end of last year.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of court in the Revenue Department from 1*st April* 1884 *to* 31*st March* 1885.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
Burdwan	Burdwan	1,531	.....	.....	1,531	.....	.....	271	66	337
	Beerbhoom	28	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	87	4	91
	Bankoora	1,425	.....	31	1,456	.....	84	194	35	313
	Midnapore	3,850	.....	.....	3,850	2,393	.....	1,089	.....	3,482
	Hooghly	97	.....	.....	97	66	.....	507	.....	573
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	20	.....	.....	20	773	616	84	1,384	2,857
	Nuddea	98	.....	.....	98	.....	.....	164	81	245
	Jessore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	950	.....	8	958
	Khoolna	16	.....	.....	16	.....	40	.....	.....	40
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,158	1,285	15	511	2,969
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	788	79	867
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	167	.....	.....	167	497	83	195	.....	775
	Dinagepore	19	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	1,040	.....	.....	1,040	552	324	480	33	1,389
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeling	100	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	19	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	1,495	64	1,559
	Mymensingh	1,069	.....	.....	1,069	.....	80	61	396	537
	Furreedpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,792	.....	.....	172	2,964
	Backergunge	534	.....	.....	534	.....	9	312	79	400
Patna	Patna	645	.....	.....	645	187	18	1,629	171	2,005
	Mozufferpore	1,296	.....	.....	1,296	.....	16	.....	1	17
	Gya	751	.....	398	1,149	.....	.....	1,161	57	1,218
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	453	22	.....	475
	Shahabad	31	.....	.....	31	40	.....	32	5	77
	Sarun	1,597	.....	.....	1,597	.....	.....	.....	41	41
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	178
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,841	.....	50	2,891
	Maldah	1,856	.....	.....	1,856	115	81	33	44	273
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122	122
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	385	.....	.....	385	633	191	491	185	1,500
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	20	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	11	11
	Balasore	1,198	.....	.....	1,198	.....	62	104	.....	166
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong	677	.....	.....	677	73	331	1,052	216	1,672
	Noakhally	137	.....	.....	137	19	.....	129	.....	148
	Tipperah	1,140	.....	.....	1,140	.....	1,504	397	6	1,907
	Total	19,746	.....	429	20,175	9,298	8,968	10,792	3,999	33,057

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1*st April* 1884 *to* 31*st March* 1885.

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G.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding, on 1st April 1885.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1884.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.			Total.			Realized during 1884-85.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	1,036	.....	.....	606	.....	.....	1,642	.....	.....	1,531	.....	.....	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111	.....	...
	Beerbhoom	(a) 6,694	(a) 1,828	60	100	2	... ...	6,794	1,830	60	22	1	5	6,772	1,829	55	6,192	1,812	40	580	17	15
	Bankoora	4,796	733	26	281	248	51	5,077	981	77	719	724	13	4,358	257	64	.....	.....	.....	4,358	257	64
	Midnapore	7,398	753	307	196	36	159	7,594	789	466	3,825	.....	25	3,769	789	441	265	.....	18	3,504	789	423
	Hooghly	178	2	11	427	6	13	605	8	24	68	6	23	537	2	1	.....	.....	.....	537	2	1
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs ...	(b) 4,50,989	1,30,909	.....	160	.....	.....	4,51,149	1,30,909	.....	20	.....	.....	4,51,129	1,30,909	.....	338	.....	.....	4,50,791	130,909	...
	Nuddea	15	15	83	.....	.....	.....	15	15	83	.....	15	83	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	...
	Jessore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	...
	Khulna	22	... ..	6	226	.....	36	248	.....	42	10	.....	6	238	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	238	.....	36
	Moorshedabad... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Sconderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Rungpore	34	1	.....	97	11	24	131	12	24	131	12	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Dinagepore	... ...	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Pubna	.....	131	1,007	.....	60	789	.....	191	1,796	.....	34	1,006	.....	157	790	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	790
	Julpigoree	148	9	48	.....	10	.....	148	19	48	.....	.....	.....	148	19	48	.....	.....	.....	148	19	48
	Darjeeling	158	.....	18	.....	.....	6	158	.....	24	76	.....	24	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	...
Dacca	Dacca	189	.....	9	.....	.....	13	189	... ..	22	.....	.....	19	189	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	189	.....	3
	Mymensingh	864	121	95	66	.....	73	930	121	168	907	121	41	23	.....	127	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	127
	Furreedpore	471	2	4	.....	.....	.....	471	2	4	.....	.....	.....	471	2	4	.....	.....	.....	471		4
	Backergunge	(c) 2,168	(c) 67	(c) 15	69	37	67	2,237	104	82	481	45	8	1,756	59	74	.....	.....	.....	1,756	59	74
Patna	Patna	(d) 82	(d)	(d)	716	34	11	798	34	11	601	33	11	197	1	...	.....	.....	.....	197	1	...
	Mozufferpore	804	333	170	.....	1	8	804	334	178	792	333	171	12	1	7	.....	.....	.....	12	1	7
	Gya	1,014	43	250	160	56	151	1,174	99	401	1,023	25	101	151	74	300	.....	.....	.....	151	74	300
	Durbhunga	.....	.....	.....	432	.....	.....	432	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	432	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	432	.....	...
	Shahabad	890	.....	.....	62	1	8	952	1	8	22	1	8	930	... ...	.....	736	.....	.....	194	.....	...
	Sarun	1,955	256	234	57	52	6	2,012	308	240	1,302	108	187	710	200	53	306	106	36	404	94	17
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....	23
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	584	.....	61	584	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	584	.....	61	.....	.....	.....	584	.....	61
	Maldah	1,928	.....	.....	8,696	.....	225	10,624	... ...	225	1,856	.....	.....	8,768	... ..	225	.....	.....	.....	8,768	.....	225
	Purneah	358	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	361	.....	.....	232	.....	.....	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	.....	...
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Chota Nagpore.	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Manbhoom	633	129	167	425	38	79	1,058	167	246	202	7	176	856	160	70	.....	.....	.....	856	160	70
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Hazaribagh	100	18	21	.....	.....	.....	100	18	21	.....	.....	.....	100	18	21	100	18	21	... .	.....	...
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	91	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	71	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Balasore	1,133	.....	214	17	.....	112	1,150	.....	326	953	.....	245	197	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	197	.....	81
Chittagong	Chittagong	1,144	11	52	1,497	32	216	2,641	43	268	463	22	192	2,178	21	76	172	2	9	2,006	19	67
	Noakhally	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	179	.....	.....	137	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	28
	Tipperah	289	.....	.....	687	15	376	976	15	376	793	15	332	183	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	183	.....	44
	Total ...	4,85,490	1,35,361	2,967	15,583	639	2,667	5,01,073	1,36,000	5,574	16,048	1,502	2,857	4,85,025	1,34,498	2,717	8,109	1,938	138	4,76,916	1,32 560	2,579

(a) These figures do not tally with those shown in the last column of the previous year's statement respectively, but the sum total of them agree with the sum total of those two columns of the last year.
(b) The discrepancy of Rs. 59 is owing to that sum having been disallowed on appeal in a certain case.
(c) The sum total of the figures of these columns agree with the sum total of the figures in the last column of the previous year's statement.
(d) The discrepancy is owing to several items which were remitted in previous years not having been inadvertently shown in the previous year's statement, but has been corrected in this statement.

H.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1885.

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I.

General abstract statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Court of Wards is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1884-85.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS									APPEAL SUITS										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.						In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1884.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff. / Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total.	Pending on the 31st March 1885.	Number pending on the 31st March 1884.	Number instituted from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant. / Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pendin on 31st March 1885.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	65	21	86	8	21	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	33	53	2
Burdwan	1	2	3	2 / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bankurah	...	3	3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Beerbhoom	1 (a)	1	2	1 / ...	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	2	...	(a)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Midnapore	6	25	31	9 / 4	6 / 3	... / 1	... / 1	24	7	7	10	17	...	6	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	6	3
Hooghly	2	7	9	... / 1	... / 3	... / ...	... / ...	4	5	2	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
24-Pergunnahs ...	3 (b)	13	16	4 / 2	... / 3	1 / 2	... / 1	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	...	6	6	5 / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	6	...	3	...	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Jessore	8	95	103	73 / 8	5 / ...	1 / ...	6 / ...	93	10	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Khoolna	12	77	89	73 / 2	... / 7	... / 1	... / ...	83	6	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Moorshedabad ...	13	16	29	12 / 4	... / 4	... / 3	... / ...	23	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinagepore	1	8	9	4 / ...	1 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	7	2	2	1	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Rajshahye	2	24	26	10 / 1	7 / 1	... / ...	... / ...	19	7	2	1	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Rungpore	1	1	2	... / ...	2 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	7	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...
Pubna	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	6	32	38	14 / 2	1 / 2	... / 1	... / ...	20	18	3	...	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
Furreedpore	4	12	16	7 / 2	2 / 3	... / ...	... / ...	14	2	5	3	8	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	4	2
Backergunge	2 (d)	39	41	33 / 1	... / 4	... / ...	2 / ...	40	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	(d)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chittagong	9	13	22	2 / 6	1 / 8	... / ...	... / ...	17	5	12	6	18	2	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	11	1
Noakholly	1 (c)	3	4	1 / 2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tipperah	11	101	112	90 / 7	1 / 2	... / 3	2 / ...	105	7	7	5	12	1	4	3	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	11	1	3
Patna	4	5	9	4 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	4	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shahabad	...	3	3	1 / 1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Durbungah	1	3	4	... / 1	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	3	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mozufferpore	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	...	2	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	...	6	6	3 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	3	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Dumka	...	85	85	81 / ...	2 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	83	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	2	1	3	1 / ...	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	22	70	92	70 / ...	2 / ...	14 / ...	... / ...	86	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhoom	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	66	92	158	83 / 2	12 / 1	... / ...	6 / ...	104	54	15	8	23	5	1	10	...	...	...	...	6	...	22	1	10
Total ...	179	746	925	583 / 48	44 / 49	16 / 12	16 / 2	770	155	133	60	193	26	43	22	6	2	1	1	...	6	...	107	86	22

(a) The discrepancy is owing to the Moisadul Estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(b) There was one case pending at the close of last year, but it has not been brought forward, as the estate concerned has been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(c) The discrepency of two cases is owing to the Court of Wards not having appeared in them, consequently they have been struck out from the statement.
(d) There were four original suits and and one appeal shown as pending in the statement of last year. One of the four original suits belonged to the estate of Nuggut Kishore Acharjee, whose estate has been released, and the other three and the appeal belong to the Dancorah Estate, but the Collector of Dacca has not submitted the statement although repeatedly asked for.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of court from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursement.					
		Decrease in civil suits.	Decrease in Privy Council appeals.	Decrease in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hooghly ...	Sultangacha estate ...	3,590	.....	.....	3,590	15	148	173	.....	1,774	2,110
Burdwan ...	Khanduri estate ...	406	.....	.....	406	.....	325	7	.....	.....	332
	Chowghoria estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	719	.....	.....	.....	.....	719
	Total ...	406	.....	.....	406	719	325	7	.....	.....	1,051
Bankoora ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,206	.....	.....	1,206
Midnapore	Jamirapal estate ...	291	.....	.....	291	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pathra ,, ...	133	.....	.....	133	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Beraberia ,, ...	1,956	.....	.....	1,956	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	32
	Nischinta ,, ...	1,650	...	.....	1,650	.....	105	296	.....	125	526
	Malighati ,, ...	11	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	16	.....	4	20
	Khottrohat ,, ...	598	.....	.....	598	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Basudebpore ,, ...	8,669	.....	.....	8,669	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	900
	Total ...	13,308	.....	.....	13,308	.....	105	312	.....	1,061	1,478
Jessore ...	Narail estate	33,897	.....	.....	33,897	1,116	3,030	249	.....	241	4,636
Moorsheda-bad.	Nashipore estate (Mal)	175	.....	.....	175	5,306	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,306
	Ditto ,, (Debuttee).	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,623	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,623
	Byashpur ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Cassimbazar ,, of A. N. Roy (minor).	6,082	.....	.....	6,082	373	5,814	229	.....	4,519	10,935
	Total ...	6,257	.....	.....	6,257	9,302	5,814	229	.....	4,519	19,864
Khoolna ...	Ramnaggur estate ...	.....	.....	839	839	.....	226	.....	.....	28	254
	Satkhira ,, ...	1,820	.....	.....	1,820	30	771	25	.....	677	1,503
	Total ...	1,820	.....	839	2,659	30	997	25	.....	705	1,757
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate	4,992	.....	.....	4,992	.....	476	.....	.....	355	831
24-Pergunnahs.	Bawali estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Baranagore ,, ...	732	.....	.....	732	.....	152	6	.....	1,310	1,468
	Bhawanipore ,, ...	52	.....	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7
	Ditto ,, (attached).	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	784	.....	.....	784	.....	152	6	.....	1,317	1,475
Dinagepore	Churamon estate ...	544	.....	.....	544	28	165	22	.....	27	242
	Haripore ,, ...	272	.....	.....	272	914	1,946	.....	...	.....	2,860
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	16	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	8
	Total ...	832	.....	.....	832	942	2,111	22	.....	35	3,110
Rungpore ...	Burdhankotee estate ...	260	.....	.....	260	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	Putea estate	115	.....	.....	115	.....	892	.....	.....	31	923
	Chowgong ,, ...	1,383	.....	.....	1,383	.....	1,291	.....	.....	.....	1,291
	Dighaputea (Eldest Ward).	14,765	.....	.....	14,765	1,281	5,746	537	.....	1,328	8,892
	Dighuputea (3 Younger Wards).	167	.....	.....	167	.....	131	14	.....	153	298
	Total ...	16,430	.....	.....	16,430	1,281	8,060	551	.....	1,512	11,404
Dacca ...	Wards' Estates	1,359	.....	.....	1,359	1,971	291	105	.....	361	2,728
Backergunge ...	Bepin Behary Das's estate.	50	.....	.....	50	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	10
	Nobo Durga Dabya ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	20	.....	.....	105
	Total ...	50	.....	.....	50	.....	95	20	.....	.....	115
Tipperah ...	Basarat Ally Chowdry's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	198	.....	2,389	2,594
Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhry's estate.	.....	.....	22	22	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	111
	Romesh Chunder Chowdhry's estate.	.....	.....	143	143	15	20	.....	.....	.....	35
	Magan Das Roy's estate	.....	.....	47	47	13	8	.....	.....	.....	21
	Nyan Tara Chowdhury's estate.	.....	.....	93	93	62	.....	.....	.....	9	71
	Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	435	.....	.....	.....	.....	435
	Fazl Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	109	.....	.....	.....	.....	109
	Fazl Ali Khan's estate...	.....	.....	511	511	.....	3	.....	.....	46	49
	Abdul Fatheh Khan's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	5
	Total ...	.....	.....	816	816	745	31	.....	.....	60	836
Noakholly	Ananga Mohan Mozumdar's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	84	84
	Ganga Churn Mozumdar's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	116	116
	Courjon estate	48	.....	132	180	.....	48	35	.....	284	362
	Total ...	48	.....	132	180	.....	48	35	.....	484	562

J.—*concluded.*

District.	Name of Estate.	Nature of Receipts:				Nature of Disbursement.					
		Decrease in civil suits.	Decrease in Privy Council appeals.	Decrease in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeal.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Durbungah ...	Nurhan estate	42	.....	.....	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,524	1,524
Shahabad ...	Desputty Sing's estate ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72	17	.....	116	205
	Raghunondun Prosad's estate.	34	.....	.....	34	.....	72	.....	.....	160	232
	Total ...	34	.....	.....	34	.....	144	17	.....	1,800	1,961
Patna ...	Bhugwant Narayan Sing's estate.	52	.....	.....	52	.....	304	20	.....	.....	324
	Debi Prosad lunatic's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	993	323	.....	133	1,449
	Total ...	52	.....	.....	52	.....	1,297	343	.....	133	1,773
Monghyr ...	Malpa estate ...	.....	.....	1,275	1,275	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	16
	Phulboriya ,, ...	.....	.....	61	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	22	22
	Total ...	.....	.....	1,336	1,336	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	38
Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	5,259	.....	.....	5,259	.....	226	.....	.....	148	374
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate	398	.....	.....	398	.....	6	.....	.....	29	35
Bhagulpore	Shahpore estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	58
	Lugmah ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	.....	16	31
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	73	.....	.....	16	89
Pooree ...	Wards' estate	93	.....	.....	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manbhoom	Nowaghur estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jhalda ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	192	.....	.....	.....	192
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	192	.....	.....	.....	192
Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore ...	1,067	.....	34,388	35,455	.....	983	.....	.....	4,686	5,669
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate ...	3,953	.....	.....	3,953	.....	32	.....	.....	2,743	2,775
	Serampore ,, ...	386	.....	1,428	1,814	531	.....	.....	.....	643	1,174
	Giridih ,, ...	497	.....	12	509	.....	191	1	.....	724	916
	Total ...	4,816	.....	1,440	6,276	531	223	1	.....	4,110	4,865
	Grand Total ...	95,794	.....	38,971	1,34,765	16,652	24,329	3,499	.....	27,297	72,277

K.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1884.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Hooghly ...	Sultangatcha estate ...	(a) 29,116	(a)3,057	(a)3,651	624	.....	72	29,740	3,057	3,723
	Burdwan ...	Khandari estate ...	1,218	1,108	623	.....	40	146	1,218	1,148	769
		Modhupore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Chowghoria ,, ...	1,155	72	8	150	6	31	1,305	78	39
		Total ...	2,373	1,180	631	150	46	177	2,523	1,226	808
	Bankoora ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	1,070	.....	37	789	.....	37	1,859
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapal estate	225	3	26	32	.....	5	257	3	31
		Pathra ,, ...	100	.....	30	.....	3	.....	100	3	30
		Beraberia ,, ...	2,103	318	436	.....	218	32	2,103	536	468
		Nischinta ,, ...	13,088	879	1,055	.....	79	135	13,088	958	1,190
		Malighati ,, ...	325	78	117	16	.....	2	341	78	119
		Khettrohat ,, ...	6,701	306	260	.....	577	12	6,701	883	272
		Basudebpore ,, ...	26,736	3,638	3,482	118	11	10	26,854	3,649	3,493
		Moisadul ,, ...			(Released)						
		Beluria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Turkua ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jhargram ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Barutter Hingly estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	49,278	5,222	5,406	166	888	196	49,444	6,110	5,602
Presidency.	Jessore ...	Narial estate	(e)23,407	(e)6,103	(e)4,102	2,125	709	407	25,532	6,812	4,509
	Moorshedabad ...	Nashipore estate (mal).	1,162	1,284	660	805	9	44	1,967	1,293	704
		Nashipore estate (debuttur).	.....	.....	(b)	.....	.....	909	.....	.....	909
		Byashpore estate ...	23	15	(c)18	.....	.....	69	23	15	87
		Cossim Bazar estate of A. N. Roy (minor).	(f)20,418	(f)1,404	(f)2,382	6,272	423	738	26,690	1,827	3,120
		Total ...	21,603	2,703	3,060	7,077	432	1,760	28,680	3,135	4,820
	Khoolna ...	Kamnaggur estate ...	748	371	575	227	127	227	975	498	802
		Satkhera ,, ...	26,501	11,284	5,861	13,492	944	2,280	39,993	12,198	8,141
		Total ...	27,249	11,655	6,436	13,719	1,041	2,507	40,968	12,696	8,943
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	6,404	798	959	2,968	334	450	9,372	1,132	1,409
	24-Pergunnahs ...	Halishahar estate ...			(Released)						
		Bawali ,, ...	841	57	532	.....	10	.....	841	67	532
		Baranagore ,, ...	909	104	296	1,004	215	32	1,913	319	328
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	2,295	24	38	25	7	1	2,320	31	39
		Bhowanipore estate (attached).	261	9	25	.....	.....	.....	261	9	25
		Joynagore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Belghoria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	4,306	194	891	1,029	232	33	5,335	426	924
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore ...	Churamon estate ...	1,543	103	213	220	311	295	1,763	414	508
		Haripore ,, ...	(d)891	227	(d)83	44	.....	72	935	227	155
		Sunkerpore ,, ...	311	794	836	.....	.....	44	311	794	880
		Sumbulpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	2,745	1,124	1,132	264	311	411	3,009	1,435	1,543
	Rungpore ...	Burdhankotee estate...	209	.....	26	.....	.....	25	209	.....	51
		Kamarpukur ,, ...			(Released)						
	Rajshahye ...	Putea estate ...	1,414	212	180	67	15	13	1,481	227	193
		Chowgong ,, ...	12,110	2,040	809	.....	445	103	12,110	2,485	912
		Gobindpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nawapara ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Dighaputea estate (eldest ward).	64,489	14,629	8,361	6,326	1,366	1,997	70,815	15,995	10,358
		Dighaputea estate (3 younger wards).	1,296	110	167	154	17	30	1,450	127	197
		Mainam estate ...	Released.		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Tahirpore estate (junior branch.)			(Released.)						
		Total ...	79,309	16,991	9,517	6,547	1,843	2,143	85,856	18,834	11,660
	Julpigoree ...	Pudmabutty estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca.	Dacca	Wards estates	4,321	473	473	1,049	375	304	5,370	848	777
	Furreedpore ...	Purno Chunder Roy's estate.		(Released)							
		Rukhmini Kant Roy's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(a) The discrepancy is owing to the manager not having, by over-
(b) Disallowed by the High Court on appeal, therefore the amount
(c) The difference is owing to Rs. 137 having been inadvertently
(e) The discrepancy between these figures and those of column 7 at least one year more to give an accurate account of the decrees of the
(f) The discrepancies are owing to exclusion of wrong entries made

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1885.

Realized during 1884-85.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
3,405	50	135	26,335	3,007	3,588	6,354	.....	500	19,981	3,007	3,088
73	.....	333	1,145	1,148	436	2	15	28	1,143	1,133	408
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	1,305	78	39	.....	.....	.....	1,305	78	39
73	.....	333	2,450	1,226	475	2	15	28	2,448	1,211	447
.....	.....	.....	.....	37	1,859	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	1,859
257	3	31	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
100	3	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,324	351	281	779	185	187	.....	.....	.....	779	185	187
1,330	55	265	11,758	903	925	1,784	92	138	9,974	811	787
9	.....	2	332	78	117	.....	.....	.....	332	78	117
382	123	93	6,319	760	179	.....	.....	.....	6,319	760	179
5,662	1,852	1,155	21,192	1,797	2,337	.....	.....	.....	21,192	1,797	2,337
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9,064	2,387	1,857	40,380	3,723	3,745	1,784	92	138	38,596	3,631	3,607
841	240	304	24,691	6,572	4,205	4,373	1,469	954	20,318	5,103	3,251
142	.....	33	1,825	1,293	671	.....	.....	.....	1,825	1,293	671
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	909	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	909
.....	.....	.....	23	15	87	.....	.....	.....	23	15	87
5,810	123	149	20,880	1,704	2,971	6,472	132	323	14,408	1,572	2,648
5,952	123	182	22,728	3,012	4,638	6,472	132	323	16,256	2,880	4,315
343	157	339	632	341	463	86	22	33	546	319	430
982	469	369	39,011	11,729	7,772	1,485	616	324	37,526	11,113	7,448
1,325	626	708	39,643	12,070	8,235	1,571	638	357	38,072	11,432	7,878
3,883	460	649	5,489	672	760	865	257	278	4,624	415	482
.....	.....	.....	841	67	532	668	40	430	173	27	102
501	114	117	1,412	205	211	.....	.....	.....	1,412	205	211
34	15	3	2,286	16	36	44	9	11	2,242	7	25
.....	.....	.....	261	9	25	.....	.....	.....	261	9	25
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
535	129	120	4,800	297	804	712	49	441	4,088	248	363
273	36	235	1,490	378	273	211	22	36	1,279	356	237
272	.....	.....	663	227	155	.....	8	10	663	219	145
16	.....	.....	295	794	880	295	794	440	.....	.....	440
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
561	36	235	2,448	1,399	1,308	506	824	486	1,942	575	822
209	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
110	.....	5	1,371	227	188	571	4	8	800	223	180
1,111	195	77	10,999	2,290	835	5,117	1,043	519	5,882	1,247	316
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12,685	778	1,302	58,130	15,217	9,056	.....	.....	.....	58,130	15,217	9,056
136	10	21	1,314	117	176	.....	.....	.....	1,314	117	176
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14,042	983	1,405	71,814	17,851	10,255	5,688	1,047	527	66,126	16,804	9,728
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
957	250	152	4,413	598	625	...	...	...	4,413	598	625
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

sight, entered the decrees of 30 cases in his statement of last year, which he has corrected now.
shown as balance in last year's statement has not been brought forward.
included by the manager in his statement of last year.
of last year is owing to the decrees of the Ijmali estate not having been included in them. The manager says that he would require Ijmali estate.
by the manager in his statement of last year.

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Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1884.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Mymensingh	Jagatkishore Acherjee estate.			Released.						
		Pogose estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Hurgobindo Lushkur's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Backergunge...	Tarak Cumar Chukerbutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jagatnarain Roy's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Hurro Kumar Dass's estate.			Released.						
		Bepin Behary Das's estate.	978	177	205	.....	.....	.....	978	177	205
		Nubo Durga Debya's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	20
		Nocori Lal Chuckerbutty's estate.			Released.						
		Total ...	978	177	205	.....	.....	20	978	177	225
	Tipperah ...	Basarat Ally Chowdhry's estate.	3,735	1,056	344	.....	333	605	3,735	1,389	949
	Chittagong ...	Hedait Ally Chowdhury's estate.	62	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	4
		Romesh Chunder Chowdhury's estate.	347	728	143	.....	11	20	347	739	163
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	393	327	230	42	2	13	435	329	243
		Nyan Tara Chowdhuranie's estate.	423	423	256	.....	.....	.....	423	423	256
		Rajkissen Benarjee's estate.	14	12	7	45	.....	14	59	12	21
		Fazl Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	1,148	173	263	.....	.....	.....	1,148	173	263
		Fazl Ali Khan's estate.	1,130	60	17	9	52	101	1,139	112	118
		Asad Ali Khan's ,, ...			Released.						
		Abdul Fatteh Khan's estate.	.....	.....	.....	12	1	5	12	1	5
		Total ...	3,507	1,723	920	108	66	153	3,615	1,789	1,073
	Noakhally ...	Ananga Mohun Mozumdar's estate.	24	38	18	.....	.....	.....	24	38	18
		Gunga Churn Mozumdar's estate.	43	34	16	.....	.....	.....	43	34	16
		Courjon's estate.	425	244	280	.....	.....	59	425	244	339
		Total ...	492	316	314	.....	.....	59	492	316	373
	Durbhangah ...	Nurhan estate ...	6,109	37,407	5,778	.....	2,630	.....	6,109	40,037	5,778
	Shahabad ...	Dosputty Singh's estate.	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....
		Roghoonundun Prosad Sing's estate.	586	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	586	80	.....
		Total ...	600	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	600	80	.....
	Patna ...	Bhugwant Narain Sing's estate.	.....	.....	28	155	16	16	155	16	44
		Debi Prosad, lunatic's estate.	.....	32	78	77	11	5	77	43	83
		Total ...	.....	32	106	232	27	21	232	59	127
	Monghyr ...	Malpa estate ...	1,954	464	16	.....	66	.....	1,954	530	16
		Phulberia ,, ...	(d) 151	(d) 224	178	.....	29	23	151	253	201
		Chautham ,, ...			Released.						
		Lalpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	2,105	688	194	.....	95	23	2,105	783	217
	Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	5,118	8,038	405	485	3,096	262	5,603	11,134	667
	Maldah ...	Chanchal ,, ...	1,863	1,024	145	24	18	35	1,887	1,042	180
	Bhagulpore ...	Shahpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	37
		Lugmah ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	158	3	16	158	3	16
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	158	3	53	158	3	53
	Pooree ...	Wards estate ...	93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	.....	.....
	Manbhoom ...	Nowaghur estate ...	903	437	68	.....	53	.....	903	490	68
		Jhalda ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Katras ,, ...			Released.						
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate	23,245	4,420	15,340	20,656	4,377	3,612	43,901	8,797	18,952
		Punjri Kallan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	4,200	1,135	2,647	2,592	319	1,218	6,792	1,454	3,865
		Serampore ,, ...	459	213	452	1,386	99	648	1,845	312	1,100
		Giridih ,, ...	1,667	1,642	352	.....	.....	145	1,667	1,642	497
		Total ...	6,326	2,990	3,451	3,978	418	2,011	10,304	3,408	5,462
		Grand total ...	3,05,394	1,07,808	64,624	61,359	17,444	16,128	3,66,753	1,25,252	80,752

(d) The increase is owing to a decree which was by mistake

concluded.

REALIZED DURING 1884-85.			BALANCE.			REMITTEDB BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.			NET BALANCE.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
50	.....	.....	928	177	205	.....	.....	.....	928	177	205
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
50	.....	.....	928	177	225	.....	.....	.....	928	177	225
.....	.....	.....	3,735	1,389	949	.....	.....	.....	3,735	1,389	949
21	.....	1	31	.....	3	31	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
100	13	30	247	726	183	108	50	52	139	676	81
40	2	5	395	327	238	126	96	44	269	231	194
64	3	26	359	420	230	83	420	207	276	.....	23
.....	.....	.....	59	12	21	.....	.....	.....	59	12	21
.....	.....	.....	1,148	173	263	.....	.....	.....	1,148	173	263
400	42	69	739	70	49	.....	.....	.....	739	70	49
.....	.....	.....	12	1	5	.....	.....	.....	12	1	5
625	60	131	2,990	1,729	942	348	566	306	2,642	1,163	636
.....	.....	.....	24	38	18	24	35	15	.....	3	3
.....	.....	.....	43	34	16	.....	18	.....	43	16	16
52	5	123	373	239	216	39	4	15	334	235	201
52	5	123	440	311	250	63	57	30	377	254	220
42	.....	.....	6,067	40,037	5,778	1,775	.....	.....	4,292	40,037	5,778
.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....
34	.....	.....	552	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	552	80	.....
34	.....	.....	566	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	566	80	.....
17	7	28	138	9	16	.....	.....	.....	138	9	16
.....	.....	.....	77	43	83	.....	32	78	77	11	5
17	7	28	215	52	99	.....	32	78	215	20	21
998	277	.....	956	253	16	.....	.....	.....	956	253	16
22	9	30	129	244	171	.....	.....	.....	129	244	171
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,020	286	30	1,085	497	187	.....	.....	.....	1,085	497	187
185	4,717	357	5,418	6,417	310	.....	.....	.....	5,418	6,417	310
308	88	2	1,579	954	178	440	202	121	1,139	752	57
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	37
.....	.....	.....	158	3	16	.....	.....	.....	158	3	16
.....	.....	.....	158	3	53	.....	.....	.....	158	3	53
93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	903	490	68	49	16	54	854	474	14
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
26,817	4,306	4,332	17,084	4,491	14,620	675	72	88	16,409	4,419	14,532
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2,910	497	546	3,882	957	3,319	49	162	336	3,833	795	2,983
1,165	81	568	680	231	532	.....	.....	.....	680	231	532
476	.....	33	1,191	1,642	464	.....	.....	7	1,191	1,642	457
4,551	578	1,147	5,753	2,830	4,315	49	162	343	5,704	2,668	3,972
74,641	15,331	12,281	2,92,112	1,09,921	68,471	31,726	5,630	5,052	2,60,386	1,04,291	63,419

to shown by the manager in his statement of previous year.

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General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper Suits was realized, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1885.

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1884.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1884 to 31st March 1885.			Total.			Realized during 1884-85.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	524	.....	.....	457	.....	.....	981	.....	.....	180	.....	.....	801	.....	.....	197	.....	.....	604	.....	.....	8
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27
	Bankoora	311	.....	100	757	2	106	1,068	2	206	238	.....	97	830	2	109	112	.....	12	718	2	97	97
	Midnapore	8,033	.....	119	2,765	.....	47	10,798	.....	166	369	.....	45	10,429	.....	121	3,257	.....	40	7,172	.....	81	47
	Hooghly	3,049	.....	191	3,606	.....	139	6,655	.....	330	721	.....	24	5,934	.....	306	1,135	.....	55	4,799	.....	251	65
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	4,066	.....	110	2,427	.....	185	6,493	.....	295	481	.....	39	6,012	.....	256	988	.....	9	5,024	.....	247	186
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jessore	1,551	.....	110	172	.....	20	1,723	.....	130	314	.....	1	1,409	.....	129	376	.....	59	1,033	.....	70	20
	Khoolna	1,057	.....	2	262	.....	18	1,319	.....	20	36	.....	4	1,283	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	1,283	.....	16	.....
	Moorshedabad	882	.....	172	791	.....	25	1,673	.....	197	469	.....	25	1,204	.....	172	.....	.....	.....	1,204	.....	172	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	703	.....	16	188	.....	28	891	.....	44	169	.....	24	722	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	722	.....	20	18
	Rungpore	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	49	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	34	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48	50
	Pubna	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	56	.....	.....	26	.....
	Julpigoree	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	3,594	.....	189	1,582	.....	29	5,176	.....	218	122	.....	9	5,054	.....	209	.....	.....	.....	5,054	.....	209	20
	Mymensingh	710	2	68	629	.....	52	1,339	2	120	614	2	34	725	.....	86	406	.....	.....	319	.....	86	51
	Furreedpore	90	3	25	.....	.....	.....	90	3	25	.....	.....	.....	90	3	25	.....	.....	.....	90	3	25	.....
	Backergunge	1,775	12	11	1,114	.....	80	2,889	12	91	204	.....	.....	2,685	12	91	1,529	.....	19	1,156	12	72	80
Patna	Patna	10,876	.....	.....	1,052	.....	45	11,928	.....	45	4	.....	9	11,924	.....	36	8,604	.....	.....	3,320	.....	36	30
	Mozufferpore	472	.....	198	33	.....	17	505	.....	215	40	.....	.....	465	.....	215	.....	.....	.....	465	.....	215	12
	Gya	1,962	86	66	288	29	28	2,250	115	94	.....	.....	.....	2,250	115	94	.....	.....	.....	2,250	115	94	31
	Durbhunga	371	.....	.....	302	.....	11	673	.....	11	14	.....	11	659	.....	.....	302	.....	.....	357	.....	.....	4
	Shahabad	1,488	.....	22	145	2	19	1,633	2	41	173	2	20	1,460	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	1,460	.....	21	24
	Sarun	.....	.....	36	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	44	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	39	19
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	70	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	321	.....	.....	194	8	.....	515	8	.....	74	8	.....	441	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	441	.....	.....	22
	Purneah	8	.....	.....	16	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohurdugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	58	.....	9	315	.....	9	373	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	373	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	373	.....	18	.....
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	310	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	310	.....	8	310	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Pooree	1,181	.....	.....	1,512	.....	.....	2,693	.....	.....	210	.....	.....	2,483	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,483	.....	.....	6
	Cuttack	.....	5	2,057	.....	24	1,373	.....	29	3,430	.....	.....	9	.....	29	3,421	.....	.....	61	.....	29	3,360	27
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong	15	.....	16	198	.....	20	213	.....	36	10	.....	16	203	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	203	.....	20	20
	Noakhally	.....	.....	384	.....	.....	644	.....	.....	1,028	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,028	.....	.....	359	.....	.....	669	.....
	Tipperah	3,718	.....	15	494	.....	5	4,212	.....	20	1,245	.....	5	2,967	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	2,967	.....	15	5
	Total	47,195	109	4,055	19,322	65	3,901	66,517	174	7,056	5,723	12	417	60,794	162	6,639	17,297	.....	732	43,497	162	5,907	893

E. D'S. and other—Reg. No. 4280J—180—18-7-85.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Darjeeling, the 25th August 1885.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1884-85.

Read also—

The Reports for the two preceding years, and the orders of Government thereon.

There were two appeals pending in the Privy Council at the close of the year 1883-84, to both of which Government was a party as representing minors under the Court of Wards. In one of these cases a compromise was effected and the appeal withdrawn. The second appeal was still pending at the close of the year under review. No fresh appeal was filed during the year: but Government became a party to an appeal already pending as representing a minor who was adopted by the respondent in the case, and whose estate came under the Court of Wards.

2. The following statement shows the chief statistical data of the Civil litigation to which, during the last three years, Government was a party:—

CASES		1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Before the High Court.				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	15	17	24
	Ditto against Government	4	1	1
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	4	4	4
	Total ...	23	22	29
Before the Lower Courts.				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	587	96	111
	Ditto against Government	325	3	8
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	11	5	8
	Total ...	923	104	127
Original cases ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	274	274	313
	Ditto against Government	102	33	139
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	45	23	90
	Total ...	421	330	542
Total ...	Decided in favour of Government ...	876	387	448
	Ditto against Government	431	37	148
	Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	60	32	102
	Total ...	1,367	456	698

3. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government declined from 91·27 to 75·17. It is explained that the decrease was owing to decisions being given adverse to Government in some 104 land acquisition cases in the districts of the 24-Pergunnahs, Patna, Dacca and Khulna, the Judge slightly increasing the amount of compensation offered by the Collector to the claimants. The litigation, though greater than in the preceding year, was little more than half that of 1882-83.

4. The single case decided against Government in the High Court was of importance, a Full Bench ruling that, where the notification for sale by the Collector of an estate or share of an estate under Act XI of 1859 has not been affixed in the way prescribed, 30 clear days before the date appointed for the sale, the Collector ceases to have any jurisdiction to put up the property for sale. It would seem therefore that it is irrelevant whether the defaulter has sustained any material injury or not; that the defaulter need not sue within one year as the law directs; and that the presumption arising from a grant of a sale certificate under section 8, Act VII of 1867, is not to be drawn. Apparently the words Act VII of 1867 should be Act VII (B.C.) of 1868. A copy of the remarks on this case contained in the report will, with this correction, be sent to the Board of Revenue for consideration.

5. In the lower Appellate Courts the percentage of cases decided against Government rose from 3·03 to 6·72. In original cases also the result was worse than in 1883, the percentage having risen from 10·75 to 30·75. The total value of the cases in which decisions were given adverse to Government increased from Rs. 93,773 to Rs. 6,19,974. Of this amount, Rs. 33,000 composed the value of the suit in the High Court, Rs. 2,193 the value of suits in zillah appeals, and the balance that of original suits. In original suits decided adversely to Government, the value of suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or debt bonds, was Rs. 3,23,521; of land acquisition suits, Rs. 1,88,907; and of suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the pleas of informality, non-liability, &c., Rs. 1,01,304. The unusually unfavourable results were therefore not due merely to the reason assigned in the report, namely, the adverse decisions in the land acquisition cases. From the cases briefly summarised in the report, it is obvious that a good deal of laxity exists in the proceedings of revenue officers in sales for arrears of land revenue. The subject will be dealt with in the Revenue Department of this office.

6. The result of the litigation in which the Court of Wards was interested during the year 1884-85, compared with that of the two preceding years, was as follows:—

	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.
Decided in favour of Wards	1,633	763	700
Ditto ditto against do.	127	99	121
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	229	70	56
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	92¾	88½	85¼

The decrease, which is but small, is ascribed to the smaller number decided in favour of the Court of Wards in the districts of Lohardugga and Midnapore, but the cause of this again has not been explained, because none of the cases decided in these two districts were reported to the Legal Remembrancer.

7. The amount of decrees in favour of Government under realization during the year was Rs. 6,42,647 against Rs. 7,02,705 in 1883-84. The amount realized decreased from Rs. 61,862 to Rs. 20,407, and the percentage of recovery from 8·30 to 3·17 per cent. In the previous year, however, Rs. 50,000 was realized from the Canning Municipality. In the year under review nothing was realized on this account, and the municipal estates having been purchased by Government, nothing further will be realized. Out of the amount shown under realization, therefore, Rs. 5,81,280, representing the balance due from the Canning Municipality, will for the future be omitted. The chief outstanding balances were in Maldah Rs. 8,993, in Midnapore Rs. 4,716, in Bancoora Rs. 4,679, and in Chittagong Rs. 2,092.

8. In Wards' decrees the amount under realization decreased from Rs. 6,93,908 to Rs. 5,72,757, the amount realized during the year from Rs. 1,44,266 to Rs. 1,02,253, and the percentage of recovery from 20·79 to 17·85. The reduction in the outstanding balance was not due to better realizations, but to the release of certain estates from the Court of Wards, and to the omission of the Narail Ejmali estate decrees. The heaviest balances were in Rajshahye Rs. 82,403, in Durbhunga Rs. 50,107, in Lohardugga Rs. 35,360, in Jessore Rs. 23,672, in Hooghly Rs. 26,076, and in Midnapore Rs. 25,326. The Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs observes that, generally speaking, the cause of the small percentage of realization was, he fears, an entire want of interest on the part of local officers joined to the inherent difficulty of the task among a people whose seizable property is small and easily concealed or placed beyond the reach of attachment. He was asked to state if any alterations in the rules of 1879, relating to execution of decrees in which Government is a party, is desirable, and his opinion has been received by the Lieutenant-Governor since the submission of the report. He observes—

"I am unable to suggest any improvement in the rules for execution of Government decrees which would be likely to lead to an increased collection. The small collections are not due to any deficiency in the mode of procedure, but to the inherent impossibility of realizing (1) from persons who have no property or (2) from those who have every facility for concealing it, in the conditions generally prevailing as to the tenure of property in this country. The joint family system and prevalence of *benamee* transactions offer almost in-

superable obstacles to the realization of their decrees even by private persons; and Government labours under the additional difficulty of the absence of personal interest and personal knowledge in its officers."

The difficulties in the way of realization pointed out, though great, are not, the Lieutenant-Governor believes, sufficient to account for the heaviness of the arrears. Decrees can be executed against the person as well as the property of defaulters, and a Manager of a Ward's or Government estate should at least be not less familiar with the details of the estate under him than a private proprietor It is to be feared that the want of personal interest on the part of Collectors and Managers is really if not the main, at least one cause of the unsatisfactory results of the realizations which is remarked upon year after year. The matter is no doubt a difficult one to deal with; for a Collector, and to a less extent a Manager of a Ward's Estate, is dependent on the information he receives from his subordinates. Still it may be possible to devise some means of improving the present unsatisfactory state of things, and the Board will be asked again to consider the subject.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, for information.

Ordered that extract paragraphs 4 and 8 from this Resolution be forwarded to the Board of Revenue, for consideration of the remarks made in paragraph 8 of the Report on the effect of the ruling of the High Court in the case referred to.

Ordered that extract paragraph 5 from this Resolution, and extract paragraphs 9 to 41 of the Report, be forwarded to the Revenue Department of this office for the issue of such orders as may be necessary, with reference to the laxity which exists in the proceedings of Revenue officers in sales for arrears of land revenue.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. B. PEACOCK,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 2899J.

COPY of this Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, for information.

No. 2900J.

EXTRACT paragraphs 4 and 8 from this Resolution, and extract paragraph 8 from the Report, forwarded to the Board of Revenue, for consideration of the remarks made on the effect of the ruling of the High Court in the case referred to.

No. 2901J.

EXTRACT paragraph 5 from this Resolution, and extract paragraphs 9 to 41 from the Report, forwarded to the Revenue Department of this office, for the issue of such orders as may be necessary, with reference to the laxity which exists in the proceedings of Revenue officers in sales for arrears of land revenue.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

A. E. STALEY,

Offg. Under-Secy. to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 27th August 1885.

C. E. G.—Reg. No. 6254C—233—31-8-85.

REPORT

ON

THE LEGAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

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FOR THE YEAR

1885-86.

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No. 509.

FROM T. T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL,

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dated Calcutta, the 9th July 1886.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the last official year 1885-86.

2. On the 31st of March 1885 there were two appeals pending in the Privy Council, *viz.*, the appeal of Tekait Ram Chundra Singh *versus* Madhu Koeri and others under the Court of Wards, and that of Girish Chunder Maiti *versus* Bhupendronarain Roy, minor, under the Court of Wards. During the year under review four more appeals have been preferred, the titles of which are given in the margin. Out of these six appeals that of Tekait Ram Chunder Singh was disposed of on the 12th August 1885, the judgment of the High Court having been reversed by their Lordships of the Privy Council, thus leaving five appeals pending in England at the close of the year.

(1) Kailash Chunder Roy
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.
(2) Raja Upendronarain Roy
versus
Bhupendronarain Roy, minor, under the Court of Wards.
(3) Kalikissen Tagore
versus
The Secretary of State and Moulvi Moazim Hossein.
(4) Maharanee Surrut Soondoree Debee
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

3. The following is the result of Government litigation in all the civil courts of Bengal wherein Government was a party during the last year, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Government	...	387	448	576
Decided against Government	...	37	148	92
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	32	102	340
Percentage in favour of Government	...	91½	75	86¼

4. The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government during the last year is on the whole better than that of the preceding year.

5. The result of Government litigation in the High Court during 1885-86 as compared with that of the two previous years is as follows:—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Government	...	17	24	28
Decided against Government	...	1	1	4
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	4	4	305
Percentage in favour of Government	...	94	96	87½

6. The reason for this decrease in the percentage of favourable cases is apparent: it is owing to a comparatively larger number of cases having been decided against Government by the High Court than in the two preceding years. Of the 305 appeals shown as compromised, remanded, or withdrawn, 169 from Tirhoot and 133 from Midnapore were suits by ryots of Government estates objecting to the enhanced assessment of rent fixed by Government.

All these suits were decided in favour of Government by the lower courts, but on appeal to the High Court the Midnapore cases have been sent back for retrial, and the Tirhoot cases, which were converted into regular appeals by order of the court making Government appellant, were withdrawn at the suggestion of the Advocate-General.

7. The following is a brief history of the four appeal cases decided against Government in the High Court.

8. In this case the plaintiffs, as the 8 anna proprietors of an estate called Koyie Digha, sued the co-proprietors for the reversal of an order fraudulently obtained by them for separation of accounts, and made Government a party to the suit. Government denied the fraud, and pleaded that it was unnecessarily made a defendant in the case. The case was originally decided by Mr. Garrett, District Judge of Patna, who struck out the name of Government, as it was unnecessarily made a party, but did not allow costs, on the ground that Government very unadvisedly went out of the way in denying fraud in the written statement, and thereby taking the side of one of the parties. Against this decision the local authorities recommended an appeal, and as Mr. Garrett was then in charge of this office, he thought it prudent to file the appeal, although the Senior Government Pleader did not advise it. The High Court in dismissing the appeal expressed its opinion that Government was not entitled to costs, as it adopted the case of one of the parties to the suit.

Patna.

First appeal No 148 of 1884.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant,

versus

Mussamut Rajbun and others, plaintiffs, respondents.

9. This was a suit to set aside the sale of a share in an estate held under the revenue sale law—*see* paragraph 40 of last year's report. It was originally instituted against the auction purchasers only. The suit was decreed, the sale was set aside, and the plaintiffs were ordered to refund the purchase-money with interest. Upon appeal to the High Court, it was held that Government should have been made a party to the suit, and the case was accordingly remanded to the lower court for that purpose. The Government was then made a party, but it was found that, as against it, the suit was barred, and the lower court accordingly made a decree setting aside the sale and ordering the plaintiffs to refund to the auction purchasers the purchase-money with interest at 5 per cent. from the date of deposit to the date of the institution of the suit, and also gave the plaintiffs their costs. Against this decision the defendants, auction purchasers, preferred this appeal on several grounds, viz., *first*, that as the plaintiffs did not make Government a party in the first instance, and as it was afterwards found that their cause of action as against Government was barred by limitation, the suit ought to have been dismissed on the ground of defect of parties; *secondly*, that the lower court ought to have awarded interest at the rate of 12 per cent., and up to the date of the final decree; and *thirdly*, they should not have been made liable for the costs of the plaintiffs.

Mymensingh.

First appeal No. 282 of 1885.

Goluck Chunder Bhattacharjee and others, defendants, appellants

versus

Raja Kristokomul Singh and others, plaintiffs, and Government, defendant respondents.

As regards the first point, the court held that the plaintiffs had a good cause of action against the appellants as well as against Government; that the plaintiffs having proved that the sale was irregular, they were entitled to have it set aside on equitable terms as against the appellants; and that so long as the appellants got back their purchase-money with interest they were in no way prejudiced by the omission to make Government a party in the first instance. Then, with regard to the rate of interest, the court held that the lower court was quite right in following the provisions of sections 32, 34 and 35 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and allowing the highest rate of interest on current Government securities, and therefore did not interfere with the lower court's order in this respect; but as to the time up to which the interest should run, the court held that, instead of to the date of the institution of the suit, it should be paid up to the date of the decree, as it was not possible for the appellants to know that the sale would be set aside, and that they would be entitled to a refund of the purchase-money.

With regard to costs, the court held that each party should bear its own cost throughout the proceedings.

10. This case was decided against Government by the Subordinate Judge of Burdwan, and was briefly noticed in paragraph 27 of last year's report. On appeal, the High Court, on the strength of the civil court ameen's report, found that the lands claimed were a part and parcel of the 1,460 bighas released to the plaintiffs in 1847 as reformations on the original site of their mehals, agreed with the lower court, and dismissed the appeal.

Burdwan.

First appeal No. 28 of 1885.
The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant,
versus
Mahomed Kafiluddin and others, plaintiffs, respondents.

11. This case was decided against the Secretary of State for India in Council upon the construction of Act VI (B.C.) of 1870 entitled the Chowkidaree Act.

Appeal from original decree Kristo Mohiny Dasse.
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

Government, under a notification, dated 28th February 1871, published in the *Calcutta Gazette* of the 21st March following, extended the operation of the Act to the district of Beerbhoom and other places therein mentioned. In a letter from Government to the Commissioner of Burdwan, dated the 7th September 1880, His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, in extending the operation of the Act to the district of Beerbhoom, stated that the Act "is not to be enforced in any village where the existing *chakran* lands suffice to support its chowkidars." This letter was forwarded by the Commisssioner to the District Magistrate, for his information and guidance, under date the 14th idem, but was never published in the Gazette.

The Magistrate, not attending to the restriction referred to in the Government letter, carried out the provisions of the Act by appointing punchayets and making over to the plaintiff the *chakran* lands under pottahs granted in April and July 1882. In September following, the Commissioner cancelled this arrangement, and directed the Magistrate to restore the lands to the chowkidars at the end of the year, and the Magistrate accordingly carried out that order.

The plaintiff with whom the settlement was made brought this suit for the recovery of the lands with *mesne* profits. The first court decided the case in favour of Government, holding that the Magistrate had exceeded his power in not attending to the express orders of the Government, and that the Commissioner had full legal authority under section 64 of the Act to set aside the transfer.

The High Court on appeal, set aside the lower court's decision on the ground that section 64 gives to the Commissioner a general controlling power over all the proceedings of the punchayets and Magistrate, but that section could not be construed to mean that after the proceedings were completed and the lands transferred to the zemindar, he could set aside such proceedings.

The acts of the Magistrate were strictly within the Act, and he was fully competent under the law to act as he did.

12. The result of Government litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts during the last year, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Government	...	96	111	29
Decided against Government	...	3	8	17
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	5	8	...
Percentage in favour of Government	...	97	93	63

13. Thus the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government by the Lower Appellate Courts during the last year is not favourable.

14. I give below the history of the 17 cases decided against Government during the last year.

15. The facts of this case are that the plaintiffs in June 1881 purchased an estate called Jouhat from one Ram Chunder Bera on a consideration of Rs. 13,000, and were in possession thereof; that in May 1883, the Collector of Midnapore caused a certificate to be filed, and called upon the plaintiffs to pay off the arrear of embankment charges due from Ram Chunder Bera, who had in March 1880 executed an agreement to the Collector

Midnapore.

Bhoobun Chunder Banerjee and another, plaintiffs, appellants,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

to pay the arrears in three instalments; that the plaintiffs objected that the money due was a personal debt of Ram Chunder Bera and not a charge upon the estate, but the Collector overruled their objections and advertised the estate for sale, whereupon the plaintiffs deposited the money and saved the estate from sale. They then brought this suit to have it determined that they were not liable for the arrear in question; that it was a personal debt of the former proprietor; and that the estate could not be sold for the arrears of rent due by him. We contended that embankment charges under Act VI of 1873 were clearly defined in Act VII of 1868 as revenue and were a charge on the estate, and as such were recoverable from the person in possession, and that the purchaser took the estate subject to the payment of embankment charges whether in arrear or accruing. The first court fully agreed with us, and dismissed the plaintiffs' suit, but on appeal the Subordinate Judge misinterpreted the meaning of sections 40 and 44 of the Embankment Act, and held that the cost of embankment was not a charge on the estate, but was a personal charge on the proprietor, and accordingly reversed the lower court's judgment and decreed the appeal. From this judgment an appeal was made to the High Court, and the result was that the Subordinate Judge's decision was upset and that of the first court upheld.

16. The plaintiff sued to have it declared that a strip of land adjoining his homestead appertained to, and formed part of, his ancestral homestead land; to compel the defendants jointly or severally, to reconstruct a wall and fence upon such land, and to compel the Municipality to fill up a ditch excavated by them on the land, and to have damages. The defence was that the plaintiff encroached upon the municipal road; that the municipality proceeded under section 215 of Act V of 1876 (B.C.); that the wall was demolished under the Magistrate's order; and that the acts of the municipality were in strict accordance with the provisions of the law. The Moonsiff of Barripore found on evidence that the plaintiff actually encroached upon the municipal land to the extent where-upon the wall and fence were constructed, and which the municipality was justified in removing; but that the land in which the drain has been excavated belonged to the plaintiff. He accordingly gave him a partial decree. Against this decision the plaintiff appealed to the District Judge of the 24-Pergunnahs, and the Chairman filed a cross appeal without the sanction of this office, and it appears from the Collector's statement, that the plaintiff's appeal was decreed and the cross appeal dismissed, on the 27th January 1886, and no report was made to this office, and no opinion asked as to whether there was any necessity for proceeding further in the matter.

24-Pergunnahs.

Tarinee Churn Poddar, plaintiff, appellant,

versus

The Chairman of the Joynuggur Municipality and others, defendants, respondents.

17. The facts of this case were reported in paragraph 22 of this office annual report for 1883-84. The District Judge remanded the case to the first court, and the Moonsiff, according to the ameen's report, gave the plaintiff a partial decree for 2 acres, 3 roods, and 37 poles of land with proportionate costs. Against this decision the plaintiff appealed on the ground that the lower court was wrong in awarding her a decree for a lesser quantity of land than she was actually entitled to, and it appears that her appeal was decreed, but why and on what ground has not been stated.

Pubna.

Bhobo Sundari Debya, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* Bonomally Roy and others and the Secretary of State for India in Council, defendants, respondants.

18. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover possession of lands lying within the khas mehal which was purchased by him from Government, stating that the lands were the same as decreed to him in a former suit against Government. We pleaded that the suit was barred by limitation, and denied that the lands in dispute were covered by the decree obtained by the plaintiff against Government. The plaintiff failed to prove his allegation, and his suit was dismissed. But on appeal, the District Judge held that the land in dispute were identical with those covered by the decree obtained by the plaintiff in suit No. 17 of 1872 against Government, and accordingly decreed the appeal. The local officers recommended an appeal to the High Court, but as there was no question of law involved and the judgment

Dacca.

Kalichurn Poddar, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council, defendent, respondent.

of the lower appellate court rested upon the weight of evidence, no second appeal was filed.

19. The facts of this case have been reported in paragraph 33 of this office annual report for 1883-84. The case was decided against Government by the first court. The plaintiff, however, appealed, but we did not contest the moonsiff's judgment on appeal. The Subordinate Judge, who tried the appeal, held that although some of the ryots who held the land had no right of occupancy, still they could not be ejected without being served with notices to quit; that the plaintiff, however, was entitled to khas possession of those lands which have not been claimed by the defendants, and he therefore decreed the appeal partially.

Chittagong.

Kalomeah Hajee, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others, defendants, respondents.

20. The plaintiffs in this case sued to establish their ancestral right to some 10 gundas and odd land, to have their names entered in the settlement record, and to recover possession of the same. We pleaded that the ameen deputed to measure the land found the same in possession of other persons, and accordingly entered their names in the chitta, and that the plaintiffs had no cause of action against Government. The first court found that the plaintiffs were in possession of only 5 gundas of land as jotedar under the defendants, and that the remaining lands were not in their possession, and accordingly dismissed their suit. Against this decision the plaintiffs appealed, and the Subordinate Judge, who tried the appeal, found from a decree, dated 5th April 1872, that the plaintiffs' mother was in possession of at least some of the lands in dispute, and accordingly decreed the suit partially.

Srimati Sadunnessa and others, plaintiffs, appellants,

versus

The Secretary of State for India in Council and others, defendants, respondents.

21. This case was reported in paragraph 20 of last year's report. On appeal the Subordinate Judge of Chittagong held that the land in dispute was actually in possession of the plaintiff, and was within the plaintiff's taluk, and accordingly dismissed the appeal. The local authorities were for filing a second appeal, but as there was no question of law involved, and the chance of success very little, no second appeal was filed.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant,

versus

Mahomed Hamidulla, plaintiff, respondent.

22. This is a suit for the establishment of the plaintiff's right to, and for confirmation of possession of, $4\frac{1}{2}$ kanis of land which was wrongly measured and included in Government khas mehal. We pleaded that plaintiff had no cause of action against Government; that the disputed land was not within the plaintiff's taluk, but was in the possession of Government as part of Government estate Suntoshpura. The first court gave the plaintiff a decree for one kani of land, and dismissed his claim for the rest. Against this decision both the parties appealed. The Subordinate Judge found the ameen's enquiry to be correct, and dismissed both the appeals, and no second appeal was filed.

Noakholly.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant,

versus

Janali, plaintiff, respondent.

23. The plaintiffs in this case sued to establish their right to, and recover possession of, $3\frac{1}{2}$ drones of land as reformation on the old site of their mouzah Koroa, known as Gazinnugur in taluk Dulluv Roy, belonging to the plaintiffs. The case was compromised on the following terms, under a solenamah filed by the parties:—

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versus

Abdul Aziz Khan and others, plaintiffs, respondents.

"That the plaintiffs would get possession of the lands, if any, of Gazinuggur, as shown in thak line of plot 983 of 1868, if they are found in possession of the Secretary of State by inquiry and measurement by the civil court ameen; that the cost of the ameen would be borne by the plaintiffs; that neither party would claim cost or *mesne* profits from the other; and if execution of the decree be necessary, the costs of the execution would also be borne by the plaintiffs."

Under the above terms an enquiry was made by the civil court ameen, and a decree was given to the plaintiffs for 112 bighas 16 cottahs 7 gundas of land lying north of the line marked by the ameen in his map.

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Against this decision an appeal was filed without the sanction of this office, on the ground that the court below was wrong in holding that the line marked in the ameen's map was the correct thak line forming the southern boundary of Gazinuggur, as it was evident that the ameen failed to ascertain the correct line, and that the court also misread the solenamah entered into by the parties. The plaintiffs also filed a cross appeal, and the result was that the Government appeal was dismissed, and the cross appeal partially decreed, by which the plaintiffs got a decree for 131 bighas and 11 cottahs of land according to the thak map.

Tipperah.

Anna Bibee, plaintiff, appellant, *versus* The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

24. This was a suit to obtain possession of some 2 kanis and 12 gundas of land in chur Moheshmari, by establishing the ryotti rights of the plaintiff. We denied plaintiff's occupancy right, and pleaded limitation, and the first court dismissed the suit. Against this decision the plaintiff appealed on the ground that the lower court was wrong in deciding that the suit was barred by limitation, and it appears from the Collector's statement that the appeal was decreed, but on what ground it is not stated. The appeal was not reported to, nor conducted under the instructions of, this office.

25. The plaintiff brought this suit to recover possession of a piece of land which was taken up by Government under the provisions of Act X of 1870 for the Durbhanga Municipality for depositing night-soil, on the ground that he, as tenant of the land, had no notice of the declaration, &c. Our defence was that defendant had no knowledge of the plaintiffs' rights, and as the declaration was duly published in the *Gazette* and necessary notices were issued, the plaintiff was not entitled to recover possession. Both the first court and lower appellate court held that the land in dispute was not the land covered by the declaration; that there was no proper acquisition of the land, and therefore the plaintiff was entitled to recover possession of the land. This case appears to have been badly conducted and wrongly decided in the lower courts; but as the papers essential for filing an appeal to the High Court were not sent in time, no second appeal could be filed. However, as the municipality was not made a party to this litigation, the civil court decree will not bind it. It may ignore the decree, and in any subsequent proceedings take care to put forth the declaration, and make it quite apparent that the municipality holds only what falls within the bounds set forth in the declaration.

Mozufferpore.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, appellant, *versus* Enayet Momin, plaintiff, respondent.

26. These cases were brought to recover possession of the price of certain moveable and immoveable property attached and sold by Government as belonging to certain absconding offenders. Plaintiffs claimed them as their *stridhan* and joint-undivided property. We contended that as the rights and interests of the offenders were sold, and the intending purchasers were forewarned about the claims of other parties, Government was not liable for the claim; but both the first court and the lower appellate court found as a fact that the property sold belonged to the plaintiffs, and not to the absconding criminals, and accordingly decreed the cases in favour of the plaintiffs. The local authorities were for appealing the case to the High Court, but on looking at the concurrent decisions of the two lower courts, I saw no prospect of substantial success from further proceeding in the matter, and accordingly no second appeal was filed.

Shahabad.

(1) Government, defendant appellant, *versus* Mussamut Pandharia.
(2) Government, defendant appellant, *versus* Mussamut Ugin.
(3) Government, defendant, appellant, *versus* Mussamut Jumuna.
(4) Government defendant, appellant, *versus* Mussamut Harkalia.

The appeals were preferred and conducted without reference to this office.

27. The facts of this case were fully reported in paragraph 36 of the last year's report. The appeal was filed on the ground that as the cause of action was not proved against Government, the lower court should have awarded Government its costs. The District Judge of Shahabad, however, found that the cause of action was proved, and accordingly dismissed the appeal.

Government defendant, appellant, *versus* Bhagirat Shaha and others, plaintiffs, respondents.

28. This was a suit to recover possession of a certain plot of land by setting aside the decision of the Assistant Superintendent of Ghatwali Survey, who demarcated the land in dispute as ghatwali, in mouza Kumeer. We pleaded long possession, but the lower court gave a partial decree to the plaintiff. Against this decision the plaintiff appealed on the ground that the *issum-novisee* of 1833, relied upon by Government in the compromise of ghatwali disputes with the zemindar, did not show any land as ghatwali in mouza Kumeer. We contended that on the ground of long possession the land was adjudged to be ghatwali. The Deputy Commissioner of Manbhoom, who tried the appeal, decreed it with costs on the basis of the ghatwali compromise of 4th March 1884, which declared the disputed land to be *mal*.

Manbhoom.

Raghoobeer Singh, plaintiff, appellant *versus* Secretary of State for India in Council, defendant, respondent.

29. The following is the result of Government litigation in the courts of first instance during 1885-86, as compared with the results of the two preceding years:—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Government	...	274	313	519
Ditto against Government ...	...	33	139	71
Compromised or withdrawn ...	...	23	90	35
Percentage in favour of Government	...	89	69	88

30. The percentage is thus comparatively better than that of the preceding year, and almost the same as that of 1883-84.

31. Of the 71 cases decided adversely to Government, 43 were land acquisition cases in which the courts gave the claimants a little more than what the Collectors offered as compensation, and they were not reported to this office.

32. The history of the remaining cases is as follows.

33. The facts of this case are that the plaintiff in execution of a decree obtained against Shamaprosad Pahari, purchased half of mouzah Kusumpore, and took possession thereof on the 9th March 1883. That for the realisation of Rs. 28-3-7, the amount of arrears due on account of *nispi malikana* for 1285 and 1286, a certificate was issued against Bir Narain, cousin of Shamaprosad, and in execution thereof lands stated to be about 1 *bigha* 10 *kottas* situated in boundaries mentioned in the sale proclamation were sold, and purchased by defendant No. 1, who took possession of the entire lands found by measurement to be 45 bighas and 13 kottas. The plaintiff brought the suit to establish his title to the lands under his prior purchase. The purchaser, Bholanath Pal, being the principal party interested in the case, was left to defend the suit.

Midnapore.

Bhoobun Chunder Banerjee
versus
(1) Bholanath Pal and
(2) The Secretary of State for India in Council and another.

The moonsiff of Tumlook decreed the plaintiff's suit on the 29th June 1885, and no appeal was preferred.

34. This suit was brought by the plaintiff for reversal of a sale of immoveable property on the ground of fraud and irregularity, and for damages. The facts of the case are that plaintiff mortgaged his property to defendants 1 and 2 on condition that he would himself pay the rent, but if he failed, the defendants should pay and charge interest on it. That the plaintiff failed to pay the rent and road cess in one instance, whereupon a certificate was issued under Act VII of 1880 (B.C.), and the plaintiff's property was sold. The moonsiff held that the defendants should have paid the rent when the plaintiff failed, especially defendant No. 2, being khas mehal tehsildar, should have paid the rent and saved his interest, instead of submitting a statement of arrear due, and thereby causing the property to be sold. That as the property was purchased by a dependant of defendant No. 1, it is evident that the sale was fraudulently brought about, and he accordingly set aside the sale and decreed the suit. We prayed for costs, but as the moonsiff held that the khas mehal tehsildar was instrumental in causing the sale, he did not allow costs to us.

Madhu Samanto
versus
(1) Tara Manna.
(2) Gobind Prosad Guria.
(3) Setaram.
(4) The Secretary of State for India in Council.

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35. This is a suit for the declaration of plaintiff's right to recover Rs. 7 annas 14 gundas 15½ paid by him in excess of the actual rent payable by him, the excess payment being caused by wrong measurement and erroneous classification of land in his jote. Plaintiff also claimed abatement of rent. We pleaded that the suit could not lie after so long a time; that necessary corrections were made in the measurement; and that the excess rent might be refunded to the plaintiff.

Janmejoy Patro *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

The moonsiff, however, on the strength of the ameen's report, found that the plaintiff was entitled to the classification of his land in the manner prayed for, and was also entitled to a reduction of the rent to the extent claimed, and he accordingly decreed the suit, making each party liable for his own cost.

36. In this suit the plaintiffs sought to recover possession of a jote which has been wrongly settled by Government with defendants Nos. 1 and 2. Our contention was that the plaintiffs did not pay the rents for some years, and having deserted the village, the settlement officers were justified in settling the jote with others. The moonsiff, however, found on evidence that the plaintiffs all along cultivated the land in bhag jote with the defendants Nos. 1 and 2, and that they did not desert the village, and he accordingly decreed the suit, making each party liable for its own cost.

Nilmoney Dassee and others
versus
(1) Sonatum Doloi.
(2) Titu Doloi.
(3) The Secretary of State for India in Council.

37. This suit was brought to recover Rs. 150 as damages sustained by the plaintiff by reason of his carriage having collided with the Government police water-cart, which was being driven in the dark without light.

24-Pergunnahs.

Prince Ferok Shah *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

We pleaded non-liability for the negligence of any of the drivers of the water-cart, and that such driver was never ordered to drive such cart after dark without light. The Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Sealdah, however, decreed the plaintiff's suit, and it was considered not advisable to proceed further in the matter, but to pay the amount decreed in court.

38. The plaintiff brought this suit to compel the defendant to restore some earth which was taken from a drain which was his joint-property, and for damages. We contended that it was a public drain under the municipality; that no wrongful act was committed, and therefore the plaintiff was not entitled to any damages. The moonsiff, however, held that the disputed drain was a joint-property of the plaintiff, and accordingly decreed the suit with costs, and allowed as damage rupee one only. No appeal was filed.

Behary Lall Pyne *versus* the Chairman of the Baranagore Municipality.

39. These suits were brought to recover *mesne profits* for the period the plaintiffs were kept under dispossession of their mouzahs Bakulia and Batia, which were decreed to them in previous suits. The history of these cases has been fully given in paragraphs 7 and 11 of this office annual report for 1883-84. We contended that the amount claimed was excessive, and that they were not entitled to more than what has actually been collected. The Sub-Judge of Pubna, however, considered that the plaintiffs were entitled not to what has actually been collected, but to what could reasonably have been collected at the rate at which the plaintiffs have been collecting since they came into possession, and he accordingly partially decreed the suits with proportionate costs.

Pubna.

(1) Taruknath Banerjee *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.
(2) Hurendronarain Banerjee *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.
(3) Jomooroodeennissa Khanum *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.
(4) Bamasoondoree Debee *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council.

40. This suit was brought by the plaintiffs against the tenants of a Government estate for possession of certain lands, &c. Government was made a party by order of the court. It was contended that the plaintiffs acquired no right of occupancy, and that they forfeited all tenant rights by giving up occupying the lands in question. The moonsiff found that the plaintiffs had acquired a right of

Mymensing.

Munshi Ashuri and others
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

occupancy, and that they were not bound personally to occupy the lands, and accordingly decreed the suit.

41. The plaintiff brought the suit for a declaration of his title to hold his taluk at the old rate of rent until the expiry of his 50 years' lease. We contended that the tenure was originally created for 10 years, which was subsequently extended to 25 years, the latter period having expired, the tenure was open to reassessment. The moonsiff found that the plaintiff's term has not expired, and he therefore decreed the suit with costs.

Chittagong.
Ram Monee De
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

42. In this case the plaintiff sued to have set aside the sale of mouzah Kalianpore, which was sold for arrear of revenue on the ground of irregularities committed by the revenue authorities in conducting the sale, and for fraud committed by the purchaser, who was also a share-holder of the mouzah. We contended that there was no irregularity or fraud patent on the face of the record in conducting the sale. That if there was any fraud on the part of the purchaser, it was he who was liable for it and not Government, and that no suit would lie against Government. The Subordinate Judge of Patna, however, found certain irregularities on the part of Government in conducting the sale, and therefore set aside the sale and saddled Government with the costs of the defendant.

Patna.
Jhalakdhari Sing
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

43. These cases were brought to have removed the distraint caused by the Irrigation Department for arrears of water-rate. The plaintiffs denied all liability, and prayed for damages. Our defence was that the plaintiffs did actually irrigate their lands with water; that they were liable for the arrears; and that the distraint was therefore not illegal. The court found that the plaintiffs were not liable for the arrears, and accordingly removed the distraint.

(1) Sobhnath Singh *versus* Government
(2) Nikhid Sing *versus* Government
(3) Kurmi Sing *versus* Government
(4) Jhummun Sing *versus* Government
(5) Lotan Sing *versus* Government

Durbhanga.
Enayet Momin
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

44. This case has been fully reported in paragrah 25 of this report.

45. The plaintiff brought this suit to set aside the sale of mehal Ismailpore sold for arrears of road cess and public works cess on the ground of illegality and irregularity in publishing the notices and conducting the sale. We pleaded limitation and denied the plaintiff's allegations. The Subordinate Judge found on evidence that there were irregularities in conducting the sale, and accordingly set it aside, and decreed the plaintiff's suit. Against this decision the purchasers have appealed to the High Court.

Gya.
Bhowani Ojha
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

46. The facts of this case are that mouzah Malinuggur with other mouzahs was held as jageer by Rajah Rajbulluv Sing. Upon the establishment of the farm at Poosa for the breeding of horses, this mouzah, which was suitable for the growth of English grass, was proposed to be taken from the Rajah; but before the negotiations for the acquisition of the mouzah could be completed, Rajah Rajbulluv died about the year 1796. Government took possession of the mouzah in 1798, and have since then been in possession upon the payment to the Maharajah of Durbhanga of about Rs. 972 annually. The permanent settlement of the mouzah was made with the then Maharajah of Durbhanga in 1800.

Mozufferpore.
The Maharajah of Durbhanga
versus
The Secretary of State for India in council.

The Poosa stud was abolished about the year 1874, and mouzah Malinuggur has since then been held khas by Government. The Maharajah of Durbhanga in 1885 sued the Government for recovery of khas possession of the mouzah upon the abolition of the stud. He based his claim upon certain correspondence which took place between the Government and Rajah Rajbulluv Singh, when the former wanted the mouzah for the stud purposes.

Government set up a permanent right to hold the mouzah at fixed rent, and relied upon an application of the Maharajah made for the prrmanent settlement of the mouzah. In this application it is contended the Maharajah admitted the right of Government to hold the mouzah at a fixed rent in

perpetuity. The District Judge of Mozufferpore, however, decreed the plaintiff's claim, and we have filed an appeal to the High Court, where it is still pending undertermined.

47. These suits were instituted to set aside the sale of mehal Raiputty sold for arrears of Government revenue. The mehal was owned by five sets of co-sharers, all of whom brought separate suits. They based their claim on the ground that there was no subsisting arrear; that notices under sections 6 and 7 of the Sale law were not duly issued, and that there was no compliance with the provisions of sections 5 and 17 of the Sale law, as the mehal was under attachment for arrears of road cess. We said in defence that there was a subsisting arrear; that notices under sections 6 and 7 were duly issued; and that the mehal was not under attachment for road cess. The Subordinate Judge held that the mehal was under attachment, and the Collector was therefore bound to comply with the provisions of sections 5 and 17 of the Sale law, and he accordingly set aside the sale. Against this judgment the purchasers have filed separate appeals, and we have joined with them.

Sarun.

(1) Mohabeer Prasad Sing and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.
(2) Sheik Abdool Latif and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.
(3) Nund Krishna Sing *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.
(4) Sheik Abdool Horib and another *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.
(5) Mussamut Bibi Sogrun and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

48. In these cases the plaintiffs sued to recover possession of certain lands on the ground of reformation on the old site of their nizamut lands. We claimed the lands as *towfir*, and pleaded limitation. The Subordinate Judge of Sarun on the basis of the amin's report and map held that a portion of the claim only was barred by limitation, and therefore gave modified decrees to the plaintiffs. Against this decision appeals have been filed, which are still pending.

(1) Baboo Deo Coomar Sing and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.
(2) Mussamut Tukmain Koer and others *versus* the Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

49. The result of wards' litigation in all the courts of Bengal during 1885-86, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	763	700	1,113
Decided against Court of Wards ...	99	121	158
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	70	56	44
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	88½	85¼	87½

50. The result, on the whole, is therefore better than that of the preceding year. The reason for the increase of cases is owing to two large estates, viz. the Burdwan Raj and the Dighaputi estates, having come under the Court of Wards. These estates have cases in almost all the courts of Lower Bengal. The Tikari estate in Gya, which has also been brought under the Court of Wards during the year, is also involved in litigation.

51. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the High Court during 1885-86, as compared with that of the two preceding years:—

	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	18	29	59
Decided against Court of Wards	1	3	4
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	8	1	1
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	94	90⅝	93⅔

52. So the precentage is better than that of last year, and almost the same as that of the year preceding.

53. The particulars of the four cases decided against the Court of Wards in the High Court are given below.

54. These two appeals arose out of two separate suits for rent brought by the plaintiffs in respect of lands in two different mouzahs held under separate agreements by the defendants. The suits had been instituted before the estates came under the Court of Wards. The first court decided both the cases together. It found upon the accounts taken that in one case the plaintiffs were entitled to more than what was claimed, and in the other they claimed more than

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versus

Mr. H. D. Christian and another, defendants, respondents.

what was actually due. The plaintiffs put in a petition praying for the amendment of their plaint, and asked for the excess amount found due in the first case, but the Court declined to amend the plaint at this advanced stage of the case, and gave a decree only for the amount claimed *minus* certain sums which were improperly claimed; and in the other case, it gave a decree for the full amount found actually due.

On appeal, it was contended that the Court below ought to have treated the two suits as one consolidated suit, the two plaints being taken together, or else to have allowed them to amend their plaint even at the last stage of the case. The High Court (Messrs. Tottenham and O'Kinealy, J. J.) doubted whether they had power to order the amendment of the plaint, even if they had, they thought that they ought not to exercise it in this case, as it was not a case of mistake. They held that the plaintiffs had set up their own case in the way they thought fit, and they attempted to prove the amount they claimed by accounts, which accounts were found by the lower court to be not only erroneous, but illegal in respect of the appropriation of certain money paid by the defendants. At any rate they considered that they could not allow the plaint to be amended at this stage, and accordingly dismissed the appeals.

55. The facts of this case are that the Satkhira zemindars own an estate called Bhadra, and within this estate they also hold a *ganti* jumma. The extent of share of each co-sharer in the zemindari as well as in the *ganti* is the same, and no rent of the *ganti* was ever paid by any co-sharer to the other since their family separation. Now the plaintiff having purchased 3 annas 4 gundas share of one of the co-sharers in the parent estate, claims rent of the *ganti* to the extent of that share from all the co-sharers. The first court found that the plaintiff, or his predecessors in interest, never realised rent from all the defendants, on the contrary, it was proved by evidence that at the time of separation it was arranged that no rent of the *ganti* should be paid by them, and that each co-sharer should realise his own rent. Under these circumstances, the first court decreed the plaintiff's case as against the plaintiff's vendors. On appeal, the Subordinate Judge came to the same conclusion, but the High Court took a different view of the case. They held that although there had been for some time separate enjoyment and separate collection of rents, yet there was no actual partition of the estate, and accordingly ordered that the plantiff would be entitled to a proportionate share of the rent from all the holders of the *ganti*.

Baboo Mohendro Nath Bose, executor to the estate of late Rajah Digumbar Mitter, plaintiff, appellant,

versus

The Satkhira minors under the Court of Wards and their co-sharers, defendants, respondents.

When the case was first submitted to this office for the approval of the written statement, it was pointed out that we had no good defence, but in spite of this the manager carried on the case in the lower courts.

56. The facts of this case are that Rani Anna Poorna, by a will dated 6th of July 1877, dedicated certain property to *debshebah* and appointed her daughter-in-law, Sree Motti Annunda Moyee, as *shebait*, authorising her also by the said will to appoint *shebait* in her place. Rani Anunda Moyee took out probate of the said will and executed the trust till September 1883, when she died without appointing any *shebait* as enjoined in the will. On her death the petitioner, Juggernath Prosad Gupta, applied to the Court, under the provisions of Act V of 1881, to grant him a probate, basing his claim on his being the adopted son of Rani Anna Poorna's sister. In case of this failing, he prayed for a letter of administration of the property on the ground that he was the executor of the will according to the intent thereof. This application was opposed by the Court of Wards on behalf of the minor, Kumar Ranjit Sing, on the ground that the latter has a preferential claim as being the adopted son of Kirty Chunder, the grandson of Rani Anna Poorna's husband's brother. The application was also opposed by several others, but their claims were disallowed by the District Judge on the ground that they had no *locus standi*. As regards the contention between the petitioner and the Court of Wards as to who had a preferential claim, the Judge found that the petitioner Juggernath Prosad, being the legally adopted son of Rani Anna Poorna's sister, had a preferential claim to that of Kumar Ranjit Sing; and accordingly

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versus

Juggurnath Prosad Gupta, petitioner, respondent.

granted letter of administration to Juggernath Prosad. On appeal, the High Court, (Messrs. Norris and Ghosh, J. J.), concurred in the view of the District Judge, and dismissed our appeal.

57. The result of wards' litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts during the last year, as compared with that of the two preceding years, is as follows:—

	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	47	40	48
Decided against the Court of Wards ...	20	25	31
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	1	9	7
Percentage in favour of the Court of Wards ...	70	61½*	60¾

58. Thus the percentage of cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards has again fallen this year. Out of the 31 appeals decided against the Court of Wards, only two were conducted after reference to, and consultation with, this office. Of the remaining 29 cases, 7 belonging to the Burdwan Raj estate, 6 relating to the estate of Rani Anund Moyee Debee of Midnapore, and 4 to the Tikari estate, were instituted before the estates came under the Court of Wards, and the remaining 12 cases, though reported in the first instance, were not referred to this office when the appeals were preferred. I give below the particulars of the two appeal cases decided against the Court of Wards, which were conducted after consultation with this office.

59. These two appeals were preferred by both the parties against the decision of the munsiff of Madaripore in a single case, in which Ambica Churn Roy Chowdhery sued the Court of Wards to recover possession of 7 pakhis and 2 kanis of land as appertaining to a jumma of Rs. 17-9-7½ in kismut Dhulgram in pergunnah Birsudhun belonging to the plaintiff. The defendants pleaded that, they had not dispossessed the plaintiff, and denied his right and title to the disputed lands. The moonsiff, however, after weighing the evidence adduced on both sides, decreed the suit in part in favour of the plaintiff. Against this decision the plaintiff as well as the co-sharers of the minors appealed, and it was thought advisable that the minors should join their co-sharers in the appeal preferred by them. As the question in this case was purely a matter of fact, the Subordinate Judge, after carefully reviewing the evidence, decreed the plaintiff's appeal and dismissed that of the minors and their co-sharers. Against this decision the co-sharers have appealed to the High Court, but it was thought unadvisable for the Court of Wards to join in the appeal.

Furreedpore.

1. The Narail minors and their co-sharers, defendants, appellants,

versus

Ambica Churn Roy Chowdhery, plaintiff, respondent.

2. Ambica Churn Roy Chowdhery, plaintiff appellant,

versus

The Narail minors and their co-sharers, defendants, respondents.

60. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the courts of first instance during 1885-86, as compared with the two previous years :—

	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	698	631	1,006
Ditto against the Court of Wards ...	78	93	123
Compromised or withdrawn ...	61	46	36
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	90	87½	89

61. Out of the 123 cases decided against the Court of Wards, 109 were not reported to this office, as they were rent suits, or suits of a Small Cause Court nature, or suits in which no question of law was involved. Of the remaining 14 cases, I give below the particulars of some of the important ones which deserve notice.

62. This suit was brought to compel the defendants to render accounts of the collections made by their father, Chunder Kant Gangooly, when he was *naib* of the plaintiff's mehal Batye, and for delivery of papers. The defendants pleaded limitation, and said that an account had been duly rendered to the plaintiff's *amlah*, and also urged that the suit could not be maintained, as no sanction of the Board of Revenue was duly obtained. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit simply on the ground that no proper sanction was obtained previous to the institution of the suit.

Dacca.

Dinesh Chunder Roy and Hem Chunder Roy, minors under the Court of Wards,

versus

Nishi Kant Gangooly and another.

63. The plaintiffs brought this suit for possession of 13*ans.* 6*g.* 2*k.* 2*k.* of a plot of rent-free land on the allegation that the same was purchased by their predecessors and was in their possession, but that they were dispossessed therefrom by the minors' father. We denied the plantiffs' purchase, and said that the disputed land was never in their possession. The case, however, was decreed in favour of the plaintiffs, but an appeal has been filed against the moonsif's decision in the Court of the District Judge, where the case is still pending.

Rajshahye.
Jadavindra Narain Singh and others,
versus
The Dighapatia minors.

64. This was a suit for possession of village Mohunpur, purchased by the minor's father and for *mesne* profits. The defendant denied possession of the village. The Court found on evidence that the defendant was not really in possession, and accordingly dismissed the suit.

Hazaribagh.
Raja Sarda Narain Sing, minor under the Court of Wards,
versus
Thakoor Gujadhur Sing.

65. This was a suit for declaration of plaintiff's right to the rent of land cultivated by the defendant and for *mesne* profits for Sumbut 1289-91, on the ground that the superior holder to the defendant had relinquished the tenure in which the lands lie. The defendant pleaded that his holding was not that of a ryot, but of a sharer, for maintenance, and also pleaded limitation. It is on this latter ground that the Court dismissed the suit, and an appeal has been filed against this decision.

Hazaribagh.
Raja Sarda Narain Sing, minor under the Court of Wards,
versus
Guru Dyal Sing.

66. The following table shows the amount of Government decrees recovered during 1885-86, as compared with the amounts recovered during the two preceding years:—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	7,02,705	6,42,647	6,26,182
Realized during the year	...	61,862	20,407	12,338
Percentage of recovery	...	8⅘	3⅕	2

67. Leaving aside the Canning decrees, Rs. 5,81,279, which have been remitted during the year, the amount under realization was Rs. 44,903, and the recovery would amount to 27½ per cent., that is, less by 6 per cent. than that of the preceding year. The result as usual is far from encouraging, but I can add nothing to the remarks I made last year on the same subject.

68. The following districts have the largest outstanding balances at the close of the year.

Bankoorah, Rs. 4,585.—Out of this sum Rs. 4,302 are due from one Ashootosh Nath Ghose, who has since died, and enquiries are now being made for any assets left by the deceased. Rs. 207 are being realized by instalments, and the remainder await realization till the appeals preferred by judgment-debtors are decided.

Furreedpore, Rs. 3,515.—Out of this sum Rs. 3,038 are due from one Burnomoyee Dassee, and the decree against her has only recently been obtained. Rs. 454 are due from one Johurunissa Khatoon, whose property is under attachment, and the rest cannot be realized till the appeal preferred by the judgment-debtor is decided by the High Court.

Maldah, Rs. 9,607.—Out of this sum Rs. 9,572 are due from one Kashikant Bhuttacharjee, whose property has since been sold, and Rs. 3,823 have been realized after the close of the year, and the rest has been recommended for remission, there being no further property of the judgment-debtor available.

Midnapore, Rs. 2,404.—Of this amount Rs. 1,548 are said to be irrecoverable, as the judgment-debtors have no property, and all attempts to realize the dues have failed; the balance is under process of recovery.

69. The following table shows the amount of wards' decrees recovered during 1885-86 as compared with the realizations of the two previous years:—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	6,93,908	5,72,757	9,37,524
Realized during the year	...	1,44,266	1,02,253	1,69,179
Percentage of recovery	...	20	19¾	18

70. The increase in the demand of wards' decrees is owing to two large estates having come under the Court of Wards during the year, viz., the Burdwan Raj estate and the Tikari estate in Gya. It will be seen from statement K in the appendix that, with the exception of the Tikari estate, which has recently been brought under the Court of Wards, not a pice was recovered out of the outstanding decrees of wards' estates in any of the districts of the Patna Division. But it has been explained that the heaviest outstanding balance on account of the Nurhan estate in Durbhunga will have to be written off, as the estates of the judgment-debtors have lately been purchased on behalf of the estate in execution of decree, and the balance having been remitted by order of the Board of Revenue, and that since the close of the year upwards of Rs. 2,000 have been realized out of the decrees of Rughoonandun Prosad Sing's estate. The realizations of the Chowghuria estate in Burdwan, Cossimbazar estate in Moorshedabad, Srinugger estate in Purneah, and the Chota Nagpore estate in Lohardugga, as well as those of the two new estates, Tikari and the Burdwan Raj, are very small as compared to the amounts decreed in favour of those estates during the year, and this accounts for the percentage of recovery being less than that of the preceding year.

71. The heaviest outstanding balances are in the following districts :—

		Rs.
	Hooghly.	
Sooltangatcha estate	... ...	26,035
	Burdwan.	
Burdwan Raj estate ...	... ...	2,44,654
Chowghuria estate ...	... ...	20,491
	Midnapore.	
Basudebpore estate ...	... ...	25,935
	Jessore.	
Narail estate ...	... ...	25,215
	Moorshedabad.	
Cossimbazar estate ...	... ...	14,626
	Rajshahye.	
Dighaputea estate ...	... ...	72,423
	Durbhunga.	
Nurhan estate ...	... ...	52,716
	Purneah.	
Srinugger estate ...	... ...	61,848
	Lohardugga.	
Chota Nagpore estate ...	... ...	47,578

72. I held charge of the office during the whole year.

73. The following changes occurred in the office of District Government Pleaders during the year under review. Baboo Nundolall Ghose was appointed Government Pleader of Manbhoom, in the place of Baboo Hungsheshur Mookherjee, deceased, *vide* Government order No. 3615J, dated 21st December 1885, and I have, on the recommendations of the local officers, sanctioned, as an experimental measure, the appointment of a junior pleader to assist the Government Pleader of Burdwan without any extra expense to Government, at the same time the Government Pleader himself being responsible for all civil and criminal work.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	136	1	12,375	.....	.....	134	3,890	1	25
Zillah appeals	2	1	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,125
Original suits	53	4	406	1	11	1	15	47	73,232
Total ...	191	6	12,806	1	11	135	3,905	49	74,382

(3) Suits for and arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	3	2	161	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,775
Original suits	5	2	1,905	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	285
Total ...	8	4	2,066	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	2,060

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	3	2	598	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18,156
Zillah appeals	6	2	145	2	214	.....	.....	2	350
Original suits	5	2	50	1	100	.....	.....	2	5,081
Total ...	14	6	793	3	314	.....	.....	5	23,587

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	175	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	2,160
Total ...	6	2	.....	1	175	.....	.....	3	2,160

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c. &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	5	2	6,004	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,214
Total ...	5	2	6,004	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	4,214

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realised, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demands.

High Court	5	3	662	1	465	1	297	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	6	2	163	1	234	.....	.....	3	525
Original suits	26	15	1,115	1	8	7	2,781	3	1,435
Total ...	37	20	1,940	3	707	8	3,078	6	1,960

(9) Suits for wasilat, or for the recovery of costs, or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property, or purchase-money.

High Court	5	3	10,693	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Zillah appeals	8	4	694	4	243	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	18	6	9,629	4	4,891	3	3,113	5	11,321
Total ...	31	13	21,016	8	5,134	3	3,113	7	11,321

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates, or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court	21	9	10,702	2	6,541	.....	.....	10	4,19,416
Zillah appeals	44	12	5,929	8	2,127	.....	.....	24	2,527
Original suits	63	30	43,361	6	1,00,386	5	13,233	22	34,247
Total ...	128	51	59,992	16	1,09,054	5	13,233	56	4,56,190

(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro forma*.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	5	3	1,165	1	150	.....	.....	1	140
Total ...	5	3	1,165	1	150	.....	.....	1	140

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	11	3	180	1	6,299	.....	.....	7	29,447
Zillah appeals	6	4	1,734	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3,250
Original suits	40	19	75,069	7	1,41,250	.....	.....	14	1,51,247
Total ...	57	26	76,973	8	1,47,549	.....	.....	23	1,83,944

(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	113	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	6,581
Total ...	9	.....	.....	1	113	.....	.....	8	6,581

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over which the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales, or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrahs, or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	1	1	1,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	4,231	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	21	11	6,839	7	437	3	245	.....	.....
Total ...	23	13	12,170	7	437	3	245	.....	.....

C.

Cases in which Government is Plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.			
		Favourable.		Unfavourable.		Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.		
	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or levy enhanced assessment.									
High Court	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	169	5,953	66	2,086
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	235	.....	.....	.....	.....	169	5,953	66	2,086
(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contract.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	1	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1	1	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(6) Suits for possession of land, or for recovery of debt, or for damages.									
High Court	13	4	34,406	.....	.....	1	18,500	8	3,00,303
Zillah appeals	3	1	885	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2,630
Original suits	9	5	31,750	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	37,393
Total ...	25	10	67,041	.....	.....	1	18,500	14	3,40,326
(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.									
High Court	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	3,209
Zillah appeals	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3,965
Original suits	613	419	3,48,284	43	2,15,001	16	31,791	135	69,823
Total ...	625	419	3,48,284	43	2,15,001	16	31,791	147	76,997
(9) Inter-pleader suits under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.									
High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

D.

General Abstract Statement of suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal, in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1885-86.

1	2	3	4	5		6		7		8		9	10	11	12	13	14		15		16		17		18		19	20	21	22
				ORIGINAL SUITS.										APPEAL SUITS.															
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.													DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.												
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.							In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		With-drawn.		Remanded.				
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1885.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on 31st March 1886.	Number pending on 31st March 1885.	Number instituted from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.	Total.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1886.	Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.	REMARKS.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	390*	52	442	2	26	2	2	...	...	170	...	...	135	337	105	2	
Bankoora	11	3	14	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	2	...	5	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	
Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Burdwan	2	2	4	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hooghly	3	2	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Midnapore	7	11	18	...	3	...	4	...	2	...	...	9	9	3	1	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	
Jessore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	
Khoolna	2	54	56	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	21	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Moorshedabad ...	4	2	6	...	1	...	...	...	3	...	...	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Nuddea	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
24-Pergunnahs ...	127	278	405	285	1	27	2	14	...	1	2	332	73	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Bogra	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Dinagepore	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Pubna	2	8	10	...	3	...	4	...	3	...	...	10	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Rajshahye	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	15	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	...	
Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	
Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Julpigoree	1	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Backergunge ...	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	2	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
Dacca	7	36	43	15	3	5	...	...	...	...	...	23	20	3	2	5	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	...	
Furreedpore ...	1†	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Mymensingh ...	1	6	7	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Chittagong	14	65	79	...	25	...	1	...	1	...	...	27	52	10	8	18	2	11	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	2	1	
Noakholly	1	11	12	...	8	...	...	...	1	...	...	9	3	4	1	5	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	
Tipperah	11	...	11	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	5	10	1	1	2	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	
Chumparun ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Durbhanga ...	1	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Gya	4	5	9	4	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	8	1	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Mozufferpore ...	1	3	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	
Sarun	6	10	16	...	2	...	7	...	...	...	...	9	7	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	
Shahabad	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	
Patna	22	113	135	82	9	11	6	1	...	...	...	109	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Bhagulpore	2	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Maldah	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Monghyr	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Purneah	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Pooree	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Lohardugga ...	1	9	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	2	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	
Manbhoom	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	...	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	
Singbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	237	638	875	425	94	43	28	15	12	1	7	625	250	437	88	525	6	51	11	10	...	...	170	...	...	135	383	142	9	

* The discrepancy is owing to one case not having been inadvertently shown as pending in the last annual return.

† The discrepancy is owing to Government not having appeared in one case, as it had no interest.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1*st April* 1885 *to* 31*st March* 1886.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
Burdwan	Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,561	137	3,698
	Beerbhoom	117	.....	.....	117	731	.....	.....	.....	731
	Bankoora	566	.....	.....	566	.....	18	139	.....	157
	Midnapore	2,604	.....	.....	2,604	15	.....	2,925	197	3,137
	Hooghly	1,256	.....	.....	1,256	.....	7	310	67	384
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	920	.....	.....	920	181	.....	980	826	1,987
	Nuddea	48	.....	.....	48	.....	244	84	308	636
	Jessore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Khoolna	100	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Moorshedabad	27	.....	.....	27	11	.....	65	60	136
	Soonderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,011	.....	1,011
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	183	.....	183
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45	.....	45
	Pubna	751	.....	.....	751	722	95	787	15	1,619
	Julpigoree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Darjeeling	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	.....	.....	.....	.....	271	.....	572	40	883
	Mymensingh	892	.....	.....	892	.....	.....	426	99	525
	Furreedpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	922	.....	.....	33	955
	Backergunge	1,030	.....	.....	1,030	.....	.....	250	131	381
Patna	Patna	61	.....	.....	61	898	.....	1,643	1,276	3,817
	Mozufferpore	21	.....	.....	21	.....	44	.....	1	45
	Gya	88	.....	.....	88	.....	.....	1,319	21	1,340
	Durbhunga	497	.....	.....	497	.....	65	5,000	75	5,140
	Shahabad	158	.....	.....	158	.....	.....	195	1	196
	Sarun	27	.....	.....	27	116	.....	1	1,307	1,424
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	23	.....	.....	23	.....	1,006	.....	.....	1,006
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	204	115	.....	1,526	1,845
	Maldah	287	.....	.....	287	.....	202	5	.....	207
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	83	.....	.....	83	.....	126	1,486	1	1,613
	Singbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Balasore	80	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	38	.....	38
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34	.....	34
Chittagong	Chittagong	2,459	.....	.....	2,459	1,240	414	.....	141	1,795
	Noakholly	40	.....	.....	40	18	.....	659	.....	677
	Tipperah	203	.....	.....	203	.....	451	354	27	832
	Total	12,338	.....	.....	12,338	5,329	2,787	22,072	6,289	36,477

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1*st April* 1885 *to* 31*st March* 1886.

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G.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on 1st April 1886.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1885.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.			Total.			Realized during 1885-86.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	(a) 95	.....	.....	145	.....	.....	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	240	.....	...
	Beerbhoom	580	17	15	.....	1	20	580	18	35	95	2	20	485	16	15	.....	.....	.....	485	16	15
	Bankurah	4,358	257	64	182	257	33	4,540	514	97	492	37	37	4,048	477	60	.....	.....	.....	4,048	477	60
	Midnapur	3,504	789	423	192	.....	100	3,696	789	523	2,406	.....	198	1,290	789	325	.....	.....	.....	1,290	789	325
	Hooghly	(b) 533	2	1	800	47	9	1,333	49	10	1,200	47	9	133	2	1	.....	.....	.....	133	2	1
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	4,50,791	1,30,909	.....	836	.....	81	4,51,627	1,30,909	81	873	.....	47	4,50,754	1,30,909	34	4,50,370	1,30,909	.....	384	.....	34
	Nuddea	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	665	15	.....	665	15	.....	33	.....	.....	632	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	632
	Jessore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Khoolna	238	.....	36	31	.....	5	269	.....	41	87	.....	13	182	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	182	.....	28
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	.....	286	.....	.....	286	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	259	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	259	.....	...
	Sunderbuns	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Rajshahye	.....	.....	.....	464	.....	.....	464	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	464	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	464	.....	...
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	183	.....	.....	183	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	183	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	183
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
	Pubna	.....	157	790	.....	52	747	.....	209	1,537	.....	4	747	.....	205	790	.....	.....	.....	.....	205	790
	Julpigoree	148	19	48	.....	10	.....	148	29	48	.....	.....	.....	148	29	48	.....	.....	.....	148	29	48
	Darjeeling	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	82	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Dacca	Dacca	189	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	189	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	189	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	189	.....	3
	Mymensingh	23	.....	127	102	.....	783	125	.....	910	1	.....	891	124	.....	19	23	.....	14	101	.....	5
	Furreedpore	471	2	4	3,038	.....	.....	3,509	2	4	.....	.....	.....	3,509	2	4	.....	.....	.....	3,509	2	4
	Backergunge	1,756	59	74	388	47	129	2,144	106	203	856	18	156	1,288	88	47	720	.....	45	568	88	2
Patna	Patna	197	1	.....	801	44	.....	998	45	.....	59	2	.....	939	43	.....	22	1	.....	917	42	...
	Mozufferpore	12	1	7	.....	1	.....	12	2	7	12	2	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Gya	151	74	300	150	31	2	301	105	302	77	6	5	224	99	297	12	.....	22	212	99	275
	Durbhunga	432	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	432	.....	65	432	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Shahabad	194	.....	.....	3	16	8	197	16	8	134	16	8	63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	63	.....	...
	Sarun	404	94	17	904	81	.....	1,308	175	17	15	4	8	1,293	171	9	68	13	.....	1,225	158	9
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Monghyr	584	.....	61	.....	83	.....	584	83	61	.....	.....	.....	584	83	61	.....	.....	.....	584	83	61
	Maldah	8,768	.....	225	.....	.....	901	8,768	.....	1,126	62	.....	225	8,706	.....	901	.....	.....	.....	8,706	.....	901
	Purneah	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	129	.....	.....	129	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	111	.....	1	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	111
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Manbhoom	856	160	70	171	55	12	1,027	215	82	55	3	25	972	212	57	.....	.....	.....	972	212	57
	Singhbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Orissa	Cuttack	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Balasore	197	.....	81	.....	.....	82	197	.....	163	.....	.....	80	197	.....	83	.....	.....	.....	197	.....	83
Chittagong	Chittagong	2,006	19	67	475	161	144	2,481	180	208	2,098	180	181	383	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	383	.....	27
	Noakhally	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	208	.....	.....	236	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	196	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	196
	Tipperah	(c) 170	.....	44	85	2	27	255	2	71	173	2	28	82	.....	43	18	.....	19	64	.....	24
	Total	4,76,883	1,32,560	2,579	9,053	889	4,320	4,85,936	1,33,449	6,909	9,169	323	2,846	4,76,767	1,33,126	4,063	4,51,444	1,30,923	100	25,323	2,203	3,963

(a) The discrepancy of Rs. 16 between this amount and that shewn in column 7 of the statement of last year is owing to that amount having been disallowed on appeal.
(b) The discrepancy of Rs. 4 is owing to that amount having been included by mistake in the Collector's return of last year.
(c) The discrepancy is owing to wrong entries in the Collector's return of last year.

H.

General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1886.

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I.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Court of Wards is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1885-86.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.									APPEAL SUITS.										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.										
DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on 31st March 1885.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Pending on the 31st March 1886.	Number pending on the 31st March 1885.	Number instituted from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Remanded Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Remanded Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total.	Pending on 31st March 1886.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards is cast twice.
High Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	35	88	3	56	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	64	24	3
Burdwan	... (a)	117	117	49	4	10	8	2	...	...	...	73	44	1	15	16	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	10	3
Bankoora	...	66	66	39	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	42	24	...	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Beerbhoom	...	26	26	18	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	19	7	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Midnapore	7 (b)	30	37	15	7	...	...	2	2	...	...	26	11	6	2	8	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	6
Hooghly	1 (b)	89	90	56	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	58	32	1	2	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	1	1
24-Pergunnahs ...	...	14	14	1	3	...	8	...	...	...	...	12	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nuddea	... (b)	30	30	21	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	27	3	1	11	12	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	9	3	1
Jessore	4 (b)	132	136	105	3	3	18	...	...	1	...	130	6	2	...	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Khoolna	3	74	77	69	3	...	1	...	...	1	...	74	3	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Moorshedabad ...	6	21	27	12	...	1	4	...	2	...	...	19	8	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Dinagepore	2	13	15	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahye	7	17	24	12	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	15	9	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	3	...
Rungpore	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pubna	...	20	20	13	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	16	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	...	10	10	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	... (c)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	10	16	26	5	4	3	2	...	1	...	...	15	11	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...
Furreedpore	2	23	25	20	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	21	4	4	5	9	2	1	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	8	1	2
Backergunge... ...	1	77	78	54	3	...	16	2	...	1	...	76	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh	1	54	55	20	6	7	6	...	...	...	...	39	16	... (d)	4	4	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	1
Chittagong	5	21	26	1	11	...	4	...	1	1	2	20	6	7	6	13	...	5	3	2	...	...	...	1	...	11	2	3
Noakhally	...	3	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	1	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Tipperah	7	100	107	91	2	1	1	2	1	...	...	98	9	1	6	7	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...
Patna	5	1	6	4	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	...	27	27	11	2	1	4	1	...	2	...	21	6	...	23	23	9	5	2	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	20	3	2
Sahabad	... (e)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 (e)	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Durbhunga	... (f)	11	11	...	4	1	5	...	...	...	...	10	1	... (f)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mozufferpore... ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Monghyr	1	6	7	2	...	2	...	3	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	3	21	24	16	1	...	2	...	1	...	...	20	4	2	4	6	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	2
Dumka	2	75	77	74	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	76	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	...	19	19	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Pooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	6	76	82	60	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	63	19	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhoom	...	5	5	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardugga	54	218	272	138	1	3	1	...	...	1	...	144	128	1	3	4	...	1	...	1	...	...	..	...	1	...	3	1	...
Total ...	128	1,417	1,545	989	67	36	87	15	10	8	3	1,165	380	82	133	215	27	80	25	10	...	...	...	...	5	2	149	66	25

(a) There were three cases pending at the close of last year, but as the Court of Wards had no interest in them, no appearance was made.
(b) The discrepancy is owing to the Satkhira estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(c) The discrepancy of eight cases is due to the estate of the minor Jugut Kishore Acharjya having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(d) The discrepancy of four cases is owing to the estate of Asad Ali Khan having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(e) The pending cases of last year have been shewn in this year at Mozufferpore.
(f) These cases were shewn as pending at Durbhunga in the statement of last year.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in Litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of Court from 1*st April* 1885 *to* 31*st March* 1886.

District.	Names of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursement.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hooghly ...	Sultangatcha estate ...	2,166	.....	.....	2,166	.....	315	34	.....	1,349	1,698
Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate ...	40,074	.....	28,208	68,282	3,240	20,664	2,563	334	13,609	40,410
	Khandari estate ...	102	.....	5	107	.....	424	1	.....	41	466
	Chowghoria estate ...	1,647	.....	.....	1,647	1,558	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,558
	Modhupore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	41,823	.....	28,213	70,036	4,798	21,088	2,564	334	13,650	42,434
Bankoora ...	Supur estate ...	1,988	.....	.....	1,988	.....	29	19	.....	.....	48
Midnapore	Jamirapore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Belki ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Beluria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pathra ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nischinta ,, ...	1,520	.....	.....	1,520	.....	105	296	.....	125	526
	Beraberia ,, ...	326	.....	.....	326	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1
	Malighati ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	4	16
	Khettrohat ,, ...	1,607	.....	.....	1,607	.....	241	.....	.....	69	310
	Nayabasan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Basudebpore ,, ...	1,366	.....	.....	1,366	.....	.....	1,233	1,000	368	2,601
	Tarkua ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jhargram ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Baruttur Hijlee estate...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	4,819	.....	.....	4,819	.....	346	1,541	1,000	567	3,454
Jessore ...	Narail estate ...	3,377	.....	.....	3,377	947	832	429	.....	230	2,438
Moorshedabad.	Nashipore estate (mal)...	17,157	.....	.....	17,157	287	.....	.....	.....	.....	287
	Ditto ,, (debutter)	2,802	.....	.....	2,802	1,358	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,358
	Cassimbazar estate ...	2,877	.....	.....	2,877	404	1,269	391	.....	8,020	10,084
	Byashpur ,, ...	Released.						Released.			
	Total ...	22,836	.....	.....	22,836	2,049	1,269	391	.....	8,020	11,729
Khulna ...	Ramnuggur estate ...	32	.....	415	447	61	80	41	.....	18	200
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	4,595	.....	.....	4,595	.....	578	35	.....	670	1,283
24-Pergunnahs.	Bawali estate ...	Released.						Released.			
	Joynagore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Baranagore ,, ...	.....	.....	75	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	61
	Bhowanipore ,, ...	427	.....	.....	427	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	9
	Ditto ,, attached	Released.						Released.			
	Belghoria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	427	.....	75	502	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	70
Dinagepore	Chooramon estate ...	379	.....	.....	379	.....	91	.....	.....	32	123
	Haripore ,, ...	417	.....	.....	417	.....	229	.....	.....	.....	229
	Sunkerpore ,, ...	114	.....	.....	114	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Muldwar ,, ...	412	.....	.....	412	17	26	20	.....	215	278
	Total ...	1,322	.....	.....	1,322	17	346	20	.....	247	630
Rungpore ...	Burdhunkotee estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Julpigoree...	Puddamutty estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	Putea estate	92	.....	.....	92	.....	369	12	.....	26	407
	Chowgong ,, ...	Released.						Released.			
	Dighaputea ,, (eldest ward).	13,527	.....	499	14,026	90	2,965	1,031	.....	125	4,211
	Dighaputea ,, (three younger wards).	146	.....	.....	146	.....	234	.....	.....	497	731
	Total ...	13,765	.....	499	14,264	90	3,568	1,043	.....	648	5,349
Dacca	Lolit Mohun Roy's estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,014	41	.....	52	1,107
Backergunge.	Bepin Behary Das' estate	5	.....	.....	5	.....	15	73	.....	.....	88
	Nobo Durga Debya's ,,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Taruk Kumar Chuckerbutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	27
	Total ...	5	.....	.....	5	.....	42	73	.....	.....	115
Mymensingh.	Pogose estate	.....	.....	135	135	.....	55	8	.....	.....	63
	Hurgobind Lushkur's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dhankurah estate ...	355	.....	777	1,132	.....	659	300	.....	971	1,930
	Total ...	355	.....	912	1,267	.....	714	308	.....	971	1,993
Tipperah ...	Basarut Ally Chowdhry's estate.	1,332	.....	.....	1,332	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,028	2,028
Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhury's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Romesh Chundra Chowdhury's estate.	Released.						Released.			
	Magan Das Roy's estate	.....	.....	35	35	29	2	.....	.....	.....	31
	Nyantara Chowdhrani's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	.....	.....	21	68
	Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
	Fazl Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	.....	.....	61	61	98	12	.....	.....	.....	110
	Fazl Ali Khan's estate...	.....	.....	72	72	168	.....	.....	.....	64	232
	Abdul Fatheh Khan's estate.	.....	.....	18	18	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
	Total ...	.....	.....	186	186	379	14	.....	.....	85	478

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District.	Names of Estate.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Bs.	Rs.
Noakholly	Ananga Mohun Mazumdar's estate.		Released.					Released.			
	Gunga Churn Mozumdar's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	273	273
	Courjon estate	50	.....	70	120	.....	268	.....	.....	440	708
	Panameah „	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	50	.....	70	120	.....	268	.....	.....	713	981
Durbhunga...	Nurhan estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,410	1,410
Gya ...	Ticari estate	5,249	.....	.....	5,249	1,355	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,355
Shahabad ...	Desputty Sing's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Roghunondun Prosad's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	.....	.....	.....	157
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	157	.....	.....	.....	157
Patna ...	Bhugwant Narayan Sing's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	55	62
	Bhagwat Prosad's estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	11
	Debi Prosad lunatic's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	152	152
	Sahadra Koer's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	16
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	234	241
Monghyr ...	Malpa estate ...		Released.					Released.			
	Phulberiya „ ...		Released.					Released.			
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Purneah ...	Rusulpore estate ...	4,551	.....	.....	4,541	.....	141	.....	.....	372	513
	Srinuggur „ ...	10,040	.....	.....	10,040	675	2,257	1,519	.....	1,466	5,917
	Total ...	14,591	.....	.....	14,591	675	2,398	1,519	.....	1,838	6,430
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate ...	364	.....	.....	364	.....	89	.....	.....	107	196
Bhagulpore	Shahpore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lugmah „ ...	183	.....	.....	183	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9
	Lalpore Patory estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	183	.....	.....	183	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	9
Poorbe ...	Ward's estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manbhoom	Nowaghur estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	3
	Jhalda „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	4
	Begunkodar „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	.....	24
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	.....	31
Lohardugga	Chota Nagpore estate ...	988	.....	13,195	14,183	.....	283	.....	.....	5,630	5,913
	Punjrikallan „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	988	.....	13,195	14,183	.....	283	.....	.....	5,630	5,913
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate ...	433	.....	3,484	3,917	.....	18	.....	.....	2,942	2,960
	Serampore „ ...	402	.....	1,022	1,424	.....	.....	.....	.....	812	812
	Jiridih „ ...	2	.....	2	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	458	458
	Satgawan „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	837	.....	4,508	5,345	.....	18	.....	.....	4,212	4,230
	Grand Total ...	1,21,104	.....	48,073	1,69,177	10,378	33,464	8,089	1,334	42,749	96,007

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of.

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1885.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Hooghly	Sultangatcha estate ...	19,981	3,007	3,088	777	714	1,566	20,758	3,721	4,654
	Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate...	.....	.....	.....	2,67,594	37,251	10,924	2,67,594	37,251	10,924
		Khandari estate ...	1,143	1,133	408	547	195	488	1,690	1,328	896
		Modhupore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Chowghoria ,, ...	1,305	78	39	19,643	856	217	20,948	934	256
		Total ...	2,448	1,211	447	2,87,784	38,302	11,629	2,90,232	39,513	12,076
	Bankoora ...	Supur estate ...	.....	37	1,859	.....	46	46	.....	83	1,905
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapal estate...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Belki ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Pathra ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Beraberia ,, ...	779	185	187	.....	.....	2	779	185	189
		Nischinta ,, ...	9,974	811	787	830	201	450	10,804	1,012	1,237
		Malighati ,, ...	332	78	117	43	.....	.....	375	78	117
		Khettrohat ,, ...	6,319	(a)706	179	69	60	29	6,388	766	208
		Basudebpore ,, ...	(b)21,806	(b)1,887	(b)2,393	.....	3,020	.....	21,806	4,907	2,393
		Beluria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Turkna ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Jhargram ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Barutter Higuly ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nagabasan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	39,210	3,667	3,663	942	3,281	481	40,152	6,948	4,144
Presidency.	Jessore ...	Narail estate	(c)20,306	5,103	3,251	586	53	253	20,892	5,156	3,504
	Moorshedabad	Nashipore estate (mal).	1,825	1,293	671	17,655	2,466	1,331	19,480	3,759	2,002
		Nashipore estate (debutter).	.....	.....	909	2,069	394	224	2,069	394	1,133
		Byashpore estate ...	Released.						Released.		
		Cassimbazar ,, ...	(d)18,194	(d)168	(d)266	4,333	577	586	22,527	745	852
		Sydabad ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	20,019	1,461	1,846	24,057	3,437	2,141	44,076	4,898	3,987
	Khoolna ...	Ramnugger estate ...	546	319	430	29	42	120	575	361	550
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate... ...	4,624	415	432	2,907	516	676	7,531	931	1,158
	24-Pergunnahs	Bawali estate ...	Released.								
		Baranagore ,, ...	1,412	205	211	925	.....	107	2,337	205	318
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	(e)2,372	(e)11	(e)37	547	60	244	2,919	71	281
		Ditto ,, (attached).	Released.								
		Joynagore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Belghoria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	3,784	216	248	1,472	60	351	5,256	276	599
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore ...	Chooramon estate ...	1,279	356	237	398	55	30	1,677	411	267
		Haripore	663	219	145	142	156	128	805	375	273
		Sunkerpore	.....	.....	440	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	519
		Maldwar	6,668	990	1,947	1,585	421	435	8,253	1,411	2,382
		Total ...	8,610	1,565	2,769	2,125	632	672	10,735	2,197	3,441
	Rungpore ...	Burdhankotee estate...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rajshahye ...	Putea estate ...	800	223	180	150	20	27	950	243	207
		Chowgong ,, ...	(Released.)								
		Dighaputea estate (eldest ward).	58,130	15,217	9,056	4,595	688	1,136	62,725	15,905	10,192
		Dighaputea estate (3 younger wards).	1,314	117	176	.....	.....	.....	1,314	117	176
		Total ...	60,244	15,557	9,412	4,745	708	1,163	64,989	16,265	10,575
	Julpigoree ...	Paddamutty estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca.	Dacca	Lolit Mohan Roy's estate.	(f).....	(f).....	(f).....	22	3	21	22	3	21
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	22	3	21	22	3	21
	Mymensingh ...	Dhunkura estate ...	4,038	500	1,076	951	162	784	4,989	662	1,860
		Pogose estate ...	.....	.....	.....	9	6	74	94	6	74
		Hurgobind Lushkur's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	4,038	500	1,076	1,045	168	858	5,083	668	1,934

(a) The discrepancy of Rs. 54 is owing to that amount having been entered by
(b) The discrepancies are owing to the amounts of certain old decrees having
(c) The decrease of Rs. 12 is due to the exclusion of two ijmali decrees to
(d) The discrepancies are owing to wrong entries under the different heads
(e) These amounts do not tally with the balance of last year, because they
(f) The balance of last year has been shown against Dhankurah estate at

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1886.

REALIZED DURING 1885-86.			BALANCE.			REMITTED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.			NET BALANCE.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2,166	.....	.....	18,592	3,721	4,654	932	.....	.....	17,660	3,721	4,654
60,560	5,146	2,576	2,07,034	32,105	8,348	2,450	331	52	2,04,584	31,774	8,296
22	.....	85	1,668	1,328	811	.....	.....	10	1,668	1,328	801
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1,354	105	188	19,594	829	68	.....	.....	.....	19,594	829	68
61,936	5,251	2,849	2,28,296	34,262	9,227	2,450	331	62	2,25,846	33,931	9,165
.....	83	1,905	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
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326	.....	.....	453	185	189	146	.....	20	307	185	169
1,303	113	104	9,501	899	1,133	7,915	115	80	1,586	784	1,053
.....	.....	.....	375	78	117	6	4	.....	369	74	117
1,607	.....	.....	4,781	766	208	1,793	247	100	2,988	519	108
896	413	57	20,910	4,494	2,336	1,321	397	87	19,589	4,097	2,249
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4,132	526	161	36,020	6,422	3,933	11,181	763	287	24,839	5,659	3,696
1,968	78	1,331	18,924	5,078	2,173	681	24	255	18,243	5,054	1,918
14,180	2,082	895	5,300	1,677	1,107	910	.....	94	4,390	1,677	1,013
2,069	394	339	.....	.....	794	.....	.....	794	.....	.....	.....
			(Released.)							Released.	
2,615	121	141	19,912	624	711	6,003	338	280	13,909	286	431
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
18,864	2,597	1,375	25,212	2,301	2,612	6,913	338	1,168	18,299	1,963	1,444
230	66	151	345	295	399	54	61	73	291	234	326
3,645	447	503	3,886	484	655	1,283	286	401	2,603	198	254
.....	.....	75	2,337	205	243	.....	.....	115	2,337	205	128
269	26	132	2,650	45	149	55	.....	44	2,595	45	105
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
269	26	207	4,987	250	392	55	.....	159	4,932	250	233
294	55	30	1,383	356	237	291	45	83	1,092	311	154
270	30	117	535	345	156	84	74	26	451	271	130
.....	.....	114	.....	.....	405	.....	.....	405	.....	.....	.....
314	40	58	7,939	1,371	2,324	2,532	393	408	5,407	978	1,916
878	125	319	9,857	2,072	3,122	2,907	512	922	6,950	1,560	2,200
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58	15	19	892	228	188	94	22	81	798	206	107
11,315	833	1,878	51,410	15,072	8,314	1,584	636	153	49,826	14,436	8,161
133	3	10	1,181	114	166	.....	.....	.....	1,181	114	166
11,506	851	1,907	53,483	15,414	8,668	1,678	658	234	51,805	14,756	8,434
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.....	.....	.....	22	3	21	.....	.....	.....	22	3	21
.....	.....	.....	22	3	21	.....	.....	.....	22	3	21
842	90	200	4,147	572	1,660	.....	.....	.....	4,147	572	1,660
79	5	51	15	1	23	.....	.....	.....	15	1	23
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
921	95	251	4,162	573	1,683	.....	.....	.....	4,162	573	1,683

mistake in the Collector's return of last year.
been added to these columns.
which the minor had no share.
in the Collector's return of last year. The total of the three columns, however, agrees with the balance of last year.
include moiety of the ward's share in the decrees of the attached estate which has gone out of the hands of the Court of Wards.
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Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1885.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dacca.	Backergunge...	Tarak Kumar Chuckerbutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	27	7	23	27	7	23
		Bepin Behary Das's estate.	928	177	205	50	.....	25	978	177	230
		Nobo Durga Debya's estate.	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
		Total ...	928	177	225	77	7	48	1,005	184	273
Chittagong.	Tipperah ...	Basarut Ally Chowdhury's estate.	3,735	1,389	949	.....	93	286	3,735	1,482	1,235
	Chittagong ...	Hedait Aly Chowdhury's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Romesh Chunder Chowdhury's estate.	(Released.)								
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	269	231	194	12	7	29	281	238	223
		Nyan Tara Chowdhrani's estate.	276	.....	23	.....	49	30	276	49	53
		Raj Kissen Banerjee's estate.	59	12	21	.....	6	.....	59	18	21
		Fazl Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	1,148	173	263	66	1	5	1,214	174	268
		Fazl Ali Khan's estate	739	70	49	43	41	33	782	111	82
		Abdul Fatheh Khan's estate.	12	1	5	.....	.....	.....	12	1	5
		Total ...	2,503	487	555	121	104	97	2,624	591	652
	Noakholly ...	Ananga Mohan Mozumdar's estate.	(Released.)								
		Gunga Charn Mozumdar's estate.	43	16	16	.....	.....	.....	43	16	16
		Courjon estate ...	334	235	201	600	3	279	934	238	480
		Panamcah's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	377	251	217	600	3	279	977	254	496
Patna.	Durbhangah ...	Nurhan estate ...	4,292	40,037	5,778	.....	2,553	56	4,292	42,590	5,834
	Shahabad ...	Desputty Singh's estate.	14	.....	.....	15	19	.....	29	19	.....
		Roghoonundon Prosad Singh's estate.	552	80	.....	1,911	254	157	2,463	334	157
		Total ...	566	80	.....	1,926	273	157	2,492	353	157
	Patna ...	Bhugwant Narain Singh's estate.	138	9	16	.....	10	21	138	19	37
		Debi Prosad lunatic's estate.	77	11	5	3,511	157	109	3,588	168	114
		Bhugwat Prosad's estate.	.....	.....	.....	215	25	10	215	25	10
		Total ...	215	20	21	3,726	192	140	3,941	212	161
	Gya ...	Tikari estate	.....	.....	.....	44,903	10,089	411	44,903	10,089	411
Bhagulpore.	Monghyr ...	Malpa estate	Released.								
		Phulberiya estate ...	Released.								
	Purneah ...	Russulpore estate ...	5,418	6,417	310	390	77	119	5,808	6,494	429
		Srinuggur „ ...	37,287	6,014	6,543	19,249	539	2,256	56,536	6,553	8,799
		Total ...	42,705	12,431	6,853	19,639	616	2,375	62,344	13,047	9,228
	Maldah ...	Chunchal estate ...	1,139	752	57	643	200	197	1,782	952	254
	Bhagulpore ...	Shahpore „ ...	.....	.....	(g) ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Lugmah „ ...	158	3	16	.....	3	3	158	6	19
		Lalpore Patory estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	158	3	16	.....	3	3	158	6	19
Orissa.	Pooree ...	Wards estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Nowaghur estate ...	854	474	14	.....	51	.....	854	525	14
		Jhalda „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Begunkoodar „ ...	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	21	.....	.....
		Total ...	854	474	14	21	51	.....	875	525	14
	Lohardugga ...	Chota Nagpore estate	16,409	4,419	14,532	21,061	3,983	3,432	37,470	8,402	17,964
		Punjri kallan „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	16,409	4,419	14,532	21,061	3,983	3,432	37,470	8,402	17,964
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	3,833	795	2,983	2,715	464	1,128	6,548	1,259	4,111
		Serampore „ ...	680	231	532	1,401	95	761	2,081	326	1,293
		Jiridih „ ...	(h) 17	(h).....	(h) 37	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	37
		Satgawan „ ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	4,530	1,026	3,552	4,116	559	1,889	8,646	1,585	5,441
		Grand Total ...	2,62,221	94,604	61,340	4,23,324	66,688	29,347	6,85,545	1,61,292	90,687

(g) The balance of Rs. 37 was disallowed

(h) These amounts do not agree with the balance of last year, because one o

concluded.

REALIZED DURING 1885-86.			BALANCE.			REMITTED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.			NET BALANCE.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	R	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
.....	.....	.....	27	7	23	.....	.....	.....	27	7	23
5	.....	.....	973	177	230	.....	.....	.....	973	177	230
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
5	.....	.....	1,000	184	273	.....	.....	.....	1,000	184	273
358	365	609	3,377	1,117	626	.....	.....	.....	3,377	1,117	626
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
34	.....	1	247	238	222	5	16	17	242	222	205
.....	.....	.....	276	49	53	276	49	53	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	59	18	21	.....	.....	.....	59	18	21
55	1	5	1,159	173	263	1,148	173	261	11	.....	2
48	5	19	734	106	63	.....	.....	.....	734	106	63
12	1	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
149	7	30	2,475	584	622	1,429	238	331	1,046	346	291
.....	.....	.....	43	16	16	.....	.....	.....	43	16	16
79	.....	41	855	238	439	.....	.....	.....	855	238	439
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
79	.....	41	898	254	455	.....	.....	.....	898	254	455
.....	.....	.....	4,292	42,590	5,834	.....	.....	.....	4,292	42,590	5,834
.....	.....	.....	29	19	.....	23	.....	.....	6	19	.....
.....	.....	.....	2,463	334	157	.....	.....	.....	2,463	334	157
.....	.....	.....	2,492	353	157	23	.....	.....	2,469	353	157
.....	.....	.....	138	19	37	.....	.....	.....	138	19	37
.....	.....	.....	3,538	168	114	.....	.....	.....	3,538	168	114
.....	.....	.....	215	25	10	.....	.....	.....	215	25	10
.....	.....	.....	3,941	212	161	.....	.....	.....	3,941	212	161
5,117	98	34	39,786	9,991	377	.....	.....	.....	39,786	9,991	377
4,250	20	281	1,558	6,474	148	.....	.....	.....	1,558	6,474	148
8,108	524	1,408	48,428	6,029	7,391	.....	.....	.....	48,428	6,029	7,391
12,358	544	1,689	49,986	12,503	7,539	.....	.....	.....	49,986	12,503	7,539
283	53	28	1,499	899	226	24	5	.....	1,475	894	226
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
158	6	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
158	6	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	854	525	14	.....	.....	.....	854	525	14
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	875	525	14	.....	.....	.....	875	525	14
11,467	1,449	1,267	26,003	6,953	16,697	1,503	318	254	24,500	6,635	16,443
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11,467	1,449	1,267	26,003	6,953	16,697	1,503	318	254	24,500	6,635	16,443
2,466	332	1,119	4,082	927	2,992	80	18	517	4,002	909	2,475
817	176	433	1,264	160	860	7	5	29	1,257	145	831
.....	.....	4	17	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	33
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3,283	508	1,556	5,363	1,077	3,885	87	23	546	5,276	1,054	3,339
1,39,772	13,175	16,232	5,45,773	1,48,117	74,455	31,200	3,557	4,692	5,14,573	1,44,560	69,763

by the Appellate Court.
the encumbered estates Akruhun has been released from the Court of Wards.

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General abstract statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper suits was realised, and what was outstanding, on the 1st April 1886.

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1885.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1885 to 31st March 1886.			Total.			Realized during 1885-86.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	604	.....	.....	400	.....	.....	1,004	.....	.....	98	.....	.....	906	.....	.....	79	.....	.....	827	.....	.....	34
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bankoora	718	2	97	924	1	100	1,642	3	197	577	2	109	1,065	1	88	125	.....	14	940	1	74	87
	Midnapore	7,172	.....	81	4,610	.....	61	11,782	.....	142	2,064	.....	61	9,718	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	9,718	.....	81	61
	Hooghly	(a) 4,699	.....	251	1,179	.....	29	5,878	.....	280	704	.....	61	5,174	.....	219	21	.....	.....	5,153	.....	219	150
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	5,024	.....	247	3,224	.....	190	8,248	.....	437	1,279	.....	162	6,969	.....	275	733	.....	.....	6,236	.....	275	210
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jessore	1,033	.....	70	630	.....	29	1,663	.....	99	497	.....	24	1,176	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	1,176	.....	75	33
	Khoolna	1,283	.....	16	648	.....	.....	1,931	.....	16	25	.....	.....	1,906	.....	16	179	.....	2	1,727	.....	14	5
	Moorshedabad	1,204	.....	172	143	.....	10	1,347	.....	182	384	.....	4	963	.....	178	586	.....	173	377	.....	5	.....
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Rajshahye	722	.....	20	3,277	.....	2	3,999	.....	22	41	.....	2	3,958	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	3,958	.....	20	.....
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dinagepore	.....	.....	48	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	59	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	60
	Pubna	.....	.....	26	.....	.....	152	.....	.....	178	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178	.....
	Julpigooree	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Dacca	5,054	.....	209	4,277	.....	93	9,331	.....	302	209	.....	19	9,122	.....	283	7	.....	.....	9,115	.....	283	93
	Mymensingh	319	.....	86	75	.....	52	394	.....	138	196	.....	65	198	.....	73	131	.....	58	67	.....	15	21
	Furreedpore	90	3	25	312	6	30	402	9	55	35	3	25	367	6	30	91	.....	.....	276	6	30	16
	Backergunge	1,151	.....	89	782	.....	68	1,933	.....	157	144	.....	23	1,789	.....	134	401	.....	84	1,398	.....	50	38
Patna	Patna	3,320	.....	36	30	.....	.....	3,350	.....	36	108	.....	.....	3,242	.....	36	216	.....	36	3,026	.....	.....	73
	Mozufferpore	465	.....	215	28	.....	26	493	.....	241	61	.....	.....	432	.....	241	.....	.....	15	432	.....	226	3
	Gya	2,250	115	94	1,724	28	18	3,974	143	112	.....	.....	.....	3,974	143	112	470	54	24	3,504	89	88	21
	Dubhunga	357	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	357	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	357	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	357	.....	.....	.....
	Shahabad	1,460	.....	21	455	.....	.....	1,915	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	1,915	.....	21	1,112	.....	.....	803	.....	21	38
	Sarun	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	114	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	111	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	108	75
Bhagulpore	Bhagulpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldah	(b) 298	.....	.....	17	.....	.....	315	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	311	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	281	.....	.....	6
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dumka	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chota Nagpore	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	373	.....	18	95	.....	4	468	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	468	.....	22	.....	.....	.....	468	.....	22	18
	Singhbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Orissa	Pooree	.....	.....	2,483	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	2,496	.....	.....	410	.....	.....	2,086	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,086	38
	Cuttack	.....	29	3,360	.....	53	1,691	.....	82	5,051	.....	50	1,458	.....	32	3,593	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	3,593	53
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong	Chittagong	203	.....	20	.....	.....	23	203	.....	43	203	.....	43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
	Noakholly	.....	.....	669	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	669	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	669	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	669	.....
	Tipperah	2,967	.....	15	163	.....	42	3,130	.....	57	542	.....	.....	2,588	.....	57	2,122	.....	15	466	.....	42	42
	Total	40,766	150	8,407	22,993	88	2,719	63,759	238	11,126	7,161	55	2,477	56,598	183	8,649	6,303	55	424	50,295	128	8,225	1,228

(a) The discrepancy of Rs. 100 is owing to a wrong entry in the Collector's return of last year.
(b) The discrepancy of Rs. 43 is owing to that amount having been disallowed by the Appellate Court.

E. D'S. and others—Reg. No. 3420J—181—23-7-86.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Dated Calcutta, the 23rd August 1886.

READ—

The Annual Report on the Civil Litigation of Government during the year 1885-86.

Read also—

The Reports for the two preceding years, and the orders of Government thereon.

The following statement shows the result of Government litigation in all the civil courts of Bengal during the year 1885-86 as compared with the two previous years:—

Cases.		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Before the High Court.				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government	17	24	28
	Ditto against Government	1	1	4
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	4	4	305
	Total ...	22	29	337
Before the Lower Courts.				
Appeals ...	Decided in favour of Government	96	111	29
	Ditto against Government	3	8	17
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	5	8	.....
	Total ...	104	127	46
Original cases ...	Decided in favour of Government	274	313	519
	Ditto against Government	33	139	71
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	23	90	35
	Total ...	330	542	625
Total ...	Decided in favour of Government	387	448	576
	Ditto against Government	37	148	92
	Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	32	102	340
	Total ...	456	698	1,008

The percentage of cases decided in favour of Government increased from 75 to 86¼.

2. Taking the litigation in the High Court only, the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government decreased from 96 to 87½. No explanation is given for this decrease, the reason assigned by the Legal Remembrancer, that a comparatively larger number of cases were decided against Government than in the two preceding years, merely re-stating the fact in another form. Of the 305 appeals shown as compromised, remanded, or withdrawn, 169 from Tirhoot and 133 from Midnapore were suits by ryots of Government estates objecting to the enhanced assessment of rent fixed by Government. All these suits were decided in favour of Government by the lower courts. The Midnapore cases were sent back for re-trial, and the Tirhoot cases were withdrawn at the suggestion of the Advocate-General. Mr. Allen has given short summaries of the four appeal cases decided against Government, but he offers no opinion on the merits of the decisions themselves.

3. The result of Government litigation in the lower appellate courts was more unfavourable, the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government being 63 per cent. only as against 93 in the previous year. The case of Bhooban Chunder Banerjee *versus* the Secretary of State was an important one in the interests of the Government revenue, though the appellate decision merely strengthened and affirmed what had been decided on several previous occasions (I. L. R., 2 Cal., 141; 6 Cal., 389; 7 C. L. R., 456.) Government revenue does not become due from day to day, but at certain specified times. It is not therefore liable to apportionment; and the person, who is the owner of a revenue-paying estate, on the date that the payment of revenue falls due, is the only person liable for its payment. In the case

above mentioned, arrears of embankment charges were realized from the purchaser of an estate, the former owner having, in consequence of certificate proceedings, executed an agreement in favour of the Collector to pay the arrears in three instalments. The new purchaser urged that the arrears were a personal debt due from the former proprietor. It was contended on behalf of Government that embankment charges under Act VI of 1873, were clearly defined in Act VII of 1868 (B.C.) as "revenue," and were a charge on the estate, and, as such, were recoverable from the person in possession, and that the purchaser took the estate subject to the payment of embankment charges, whether in arrear or accruing. The first court took this view, and dismissed the plaintiff's suit, but on appeal the Subordinate Judge misinterpreted the meaning of sections 40 and 44 of the Embankment Act, and held that the arrears were a personal charge on the proprietor, and not a charge on the estate. This decision was upset by the High Court, and the decision of the first court upheld. With reference to the case brought by Abdul Aziz Khan and others, mentioned in paragraph 23 of the report—and the same remark applies to several other cases—it would have been more satisfactory if the Legal Remembrancer had stated the grounds on which the decisions were given against Government.

4. With reference to the suit brought by Enayet Momin, it is clear, the Lieutenant-Governor thinks, that there has been a failure of justice. The plaintiff sued to recover possession of a piece of land taken up, under Act X of 1870, for the Durbhunga Municipality for conservancy purposes, on the ground that he, as tenant of the land, had no notice of the declaration and other proceedings. It was urged on behalf of Government that the plaintiff's rights or claims were not brought to the notice of Government, that the declaration was duly published in the Gazette, that the necessary notices issued, and that, therefore, the plaintiff was not entitled to recover possession. Both the first court and lower appellate court held that the land in dispute was not the land covered by the declaration; that there was no proper acquisition, and therefore the plaintiff was entitled to recover. Mr. Allen thinks that the case was badly conducted and wrongly decided in the lower courts, but says that no second appeal could be filed, as the papers essential for filing an appeal to the High Court were not sent in time. The Collector of Durbhunga will be asked to submit an explanation on this point. As the Legal Remembrancer remarks, the municipality cannot be bound by the decree, as they were not a party to the litigation.

5. Four suits were instituted in Shahabad to recover the price of certain property attached and sold by Government as the property of certain absconding offenders. Paintiffs claimed as their *stridhan* and joint undivided property. It was contended on behalf of Government that the rights and interests of the offenders were sold; that the intending purchasers were forewarned about the possible claims of others; and that therefore the Government was not liable. However, it was found by the lower courts that the property sold belonged to the plaintiffs, and not to the absconding criminals. Mr. Allen does not state clearly whether it was found that *no portion or share* of the property belonged to the absconders, but the Lieutenant-Governor presumes that such was the case. The local authorities, it is stated, were desirous of appealing the case to the High Court. But the Legal Remembrancer saw no prospect of substantial success, and decided not to do so. Without any reference to the question whether the attached property belonged in whole or in part to the plaintiffs, Sir Rivers Thompson regrets that the case was not argued and carried to the High Court on the question of jurisdiction. The rulings of the High Court are conflicting on this point. It has been ruled in one or two cases that claimants to property attached under the provisions of section 88 of the Code of Criminal Procedure can institute a suit in the civil court *against the purchasers* to establish their rights (7 W. R., Cr., 54; 17 W. R., Cr., 10). But in other cases (18 W. R., Cr., 34, *et aliunde*) it has been ruled that property declared to be at the disposal of Government can only be restored by Government. In Sir Rivers Thompson's opinion such claims should be decided by the executive Government, and it is in the interests of *bonâ fide* claimants that this should be so. On a report of the presentation of any *bonâ fide* claim a thorough inquiry by the Magistrate would be ordered, and, if

there were no good grounds for suspecting collusion, or the commission of an offence under section 206 of the Penal Code, or some such cognate offence, the property would be restored. It has recently been ruled by the Allahabad High Court that the proceedings of a Magistrate under section 88 of the Criminal Procedure Code are not "judicial proceedings" under section 4(*a*) of the Code, and are therefore not liable to revision by the High Court (I. L. R. 6, All. 487). Neither does it appear to be advisable or necessary, in the interests of justice, that such proceedings should be made the subject of suits in the civil court. For the above reasons, it is a matter for regret that the cases were not carried to the highest tribunal, and the question of jurisdiction fully argued.

6. In the courts of first instance the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government was 88, against 69 in the previous year. Out of the 71 cases decided adversely to Government, no less than 43 were cases under the Land Acquisition Act, in which the courts gave the claimants a little more than the amounts tendered by the Collectors as compensation.

7. As the Lieutenant-Governor has observed above, the Legal Remembrancer does not offer any opinion regarding the merits of the decisions he summarises, and it is extremely difficult, therefore, to say whether any particular case, which was not appealed, should have been appealed. In the following cases, however, decided, by courts of first instance, the soundness and correctness of the decisions appear to be exceedingly questionable. In the case brought by Nilmoni Dasi and others to recover possession of a jote, it was contended on behalf of Government that the plaintiffs had not paid the rents for some years, that they had deserted the village, and that the settlement officers were justified in settling the jote with others. The Munsif found on evidence that the plaintiffs had not deserted the village, but had all along cultivated the jote with those with whom it was contended Government had wrongly settled it. It seems clear that in this case the evidence produced by Government must have been worthless, or that the decision was wrong. Another case, brought by Behari Lall Pyne, against the Chairman of the Baranagore Municipality, appears to have been of an extremely frivolous character. The suit was brought to compel the defendant to restore some earth which was taken from a drain, and for damages. It was contended that the drain was a public drain under the municipality, and that no wrongful act had been committed. The Munsif, however, held that the disputed drain was a joint property of the plaintiff, and decreed the suit with costs, allowing one rupee only as damages. Four suits were brought in Pubna to recover mesne profits for the period the plaintiffs had been kept out of possession of some villages, decreed to them in previous suits. It was contended on behalf of Government that the amount claimed was excessive, and that they were not entitled to more than had actually been collected. The Subordinate Judge of Pubna, however, considered that the plaintiffs were entitled, not to what had actually been collected, but to *what could reasonably have been collected at the rate at which the plaintiffs have been collecting* since they came into possession. This proposition, in Sir Rivers Thompson's opinion, is open to the charge of want of clearness, and the *ratio decidendi* itself is open to question. In another case the sale of a mehal, sold for arrears of road cess and public works cess, was set aside on the ground of illegality and irregularity in publishing the notices and conducting the sale. The purchasers have appealed against this decision to the High Court. The adverse decision appears to have been based on the Full Bench ruling referred to in paragraph 8 of the Report for 1884-85. In that case it was held that, if the notification of sale required by section 6, Act XI of 1859, has not been affixed 30 clear days before the date appointed for the sale, the Collector ceases to have any jurisdiction to put up the property for sale. It was virtually ruled that it is irrelevant whether the defaulter has sustained any material injury or not; that the defaulter need not sue within one year, as the law directs; and that the presumption arising from the grant of a sale certificate under section 8, Act VII (B.C.) of 1868 is not to be drawn. The Legal Remembrancer then suggested that the law ought to be recast, as a revenue sale would give as insecure a title to the purchaser as a sale in execution of a decree of a civil court, and a copy of his remarks was sent to the Board of Revenue

for consideration. The attention of the Board of Revenue will also be drawn to the present case in order that, should the appellate decision be adverse to Government, the advisability of preferring an appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council may be taken into consideration. The High Court Full Bench decision is, in the Lieutenant-Governor's opinion, not only opposed to the spirit of the Privy Council's decision in a case of the same nature reported in I. L. R., 9 Cal., 656, but also to other Privy Council decisions, distinguishing between the merely directory and the absolutely imperative provisions under section 8, clause 2 of Regulation VIII of 1819 (the law relating to putni sales).

8. The figures below show the result of the litigation in which the Court of Wards was concerned for the year under report as compared with the two preceding years :—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	763	700	1,113
Ditto against Court of Wards	...	99	121	158
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	70	56	44
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	88½	85¼	87½

The result is therefore better than that of the preceding year. The increase in the number of cases is due to the fact that the Burdwan Raj, the Dighaputi estates, and the Tikari Estate in Gya have come under the Court of Wards.

9. The following table shows the amount of Government decrees recovered during 1885-86, as compared with the amounts recovered during the two preceding years :—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	7,02,705	6,42,647	6,26,182
Realized during the year	...	61,862	20,407	12,338
Percentage of recovery	...	8⅘	3⅕	2

Omitting the Canning decrees, amounting to Rs. 5,81,279, which have been remitted during the year, the amount under realization was Rs. 44,903, so that the percentage of recovery would amount to 27½.

10. The following table shows the amount of wards' decrees recovered during 1885-86, as compared with the realizations of the two previous years :—

		1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	6,93,908	5,72,757	9,37,524
Realized during the year	...	1,44,266	1,02,253	1,69,179
Percentage of recovery	...	20	19⅗	18

The increase in the demand is due to the Burdwan Raj and the Tikari Estate having come under the Court of Wards. From statement K, appended to the Report, it appears that, with the exception of the Tikari Estate, not a pice was recovered out of the outstanding decrees of wards' estates in any of the districts of the Patna Division. The realizations of the Chowghuria estate in Burdwan, the Cossimbazar estate in Moorshedabad, the Srinugger estate in Purneah, the Chota Nagpore estate in Lohardugga, as well as of the Tikari and the Burdwan Raj, are very small as compared with the amounts decreed in favour of those estates during the year.

11. These results are most unsatisfactory, and clearly show that in all civil litigation the Government suffers as much as any private suitor from infructuous decrees. The fact is of importance, as it affects the proposal now under consideration for the abolition of imprisonment for debt. During the year, in consequence of a direction of the Lieutenant-Governor, contained in the Resolution on the Report for 1884-85, the Legal Remembrancer submitted a report concerning the difficulties experienced in realizing decrees. He was of opinion that the small collections are due in a great measure to the facility for concealing property, to the joint family system, and the prevalence of *benamee* transactions, which offer almost insuperable obstacles to the realization of decrees, even by private persons. The Board were asked to consider

the subject, and they have submitted a report to which they append a brief summary of the opinions of the different Commissioners. This report has been submitted to the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court for such action or notice as they may think fit to take. Sir Rivers Thompson is inclined to agree with the Commissioner of Chittagong that the civil courts would do well to call in the aid of the criminal courts more frequently in cases of opposition or contempt; and that prosecutions should be invariably instituted in the case of fraudulent concealment, removal or transfer of property. It is certain that there is far less difficulty in realising decrees in certificate cases than there is in realising civil court decrees, and the difference is probably due to the greater interest and energy which a Collector has and displays in such work. This is the weak point in the whole of our civil court administration, and is due partly to the fact that the judges are apt to think that proceedings after decree are comparatively of small importance, and partly to the fact that the execution of the decree is entrusted, without any effective supervision, to an imperfect subordinate agency.

12. The Legal Remembrancer has not made any remarks regarding the respective merits of the Government Pleaders subordinate to him, or as to the manner in which they have performed their duties. It is desirable that this should be done in future reports.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

F. B. PEACOCK,

Chief Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

No. 2794J.

COPY of this Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. A. D. PHILLIPS,

Offg. Under-Secretary to the Government of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 23rd August 1886.

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FROM T. T. ALLEN, ESQ.,

Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Dated Calcutta, the 30th June 1889.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, my report on the result of civil litigation in which Government was concerned during the last official year 1888-89.

2. On the 31st of March 1888, there were four appeal cases pending in Her Majesty's Privy Council, and four more were preferred during the year under review. The titles of these appeal cases are given in the margin. In the first case, the Rajah appellant moved the High Court to make the minor a party respondent in the appeal, but his application was rejected with orders that he might make the application to the Privy Council to that end; I have since received intimation from England that the appellant does not now wish to make the minor a respondent in the appeal, but to proceed against the minor's adoptive mother Rani Anandmoyi alone.

1. Raja Upendra Narain Roy
versus
Rani Anandmoyi and Bhupendra Narain Roy, minor, under the Court of Wards.
2. Kally Kissen Tagore
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.
3. Maharani Sarat Sundaree Debee
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.
4. The Secretary of State for India in Council
versus
The Maharajah of Durbhungah.
5. The Secretary of State for India in Council
versus
Kissori Mohan Roy and others.
6. The Secretary of State for India in Council
versus
Asman Singh and others.
7. Srimati Radhika Chowdhrany
versus
Baroda Prasad Roy Chowdhury, minor, under the Court of Wards.
8. The Maharajah of Durbhungah.
versus
The Durbhungah Municipality.

3. In the second case, although I have received no intimation from England as to the result, the appellant has filed a petition to the High Court, praying for refund of Rs. 4,000 deposited as security for the respondent's costs, on the allegation that his appeal to the Privy Council has been decreed with costs and mesne profits: he has also filed with his petition the decree of the Privy Council. Upon this, the High Court has ordered the refund of the money.

4. The fourth case, our appeal against the Maharajah of Durbhungah, has been dismissed by the Privy Council, as intimated to this office by Government letter No. 759J of the 14th February last.

5. The other cases are still pending before the Privy Council. In the seventh case, negotiations are in progress for a settlement of the dispute between the parties once for all. In the last case, the memorandum was sent to England only on the 5th April 1889

6. The following is the result of civil litigation in all the Courts of Bengal to which Government was a party during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Government ...	742	524	338
Decided against Government ...	167	72	155
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	142	89	57
Percentage in favour of Government ...	81½	88	68½

7. The reason for this low percentage is that in the districts of the 24-Pergunnahs, Dacca, and Patna, in some 99 land acquisition cases, the Collectors' offer was slightly varied by the Judges to whom they were referred under section 15 of the Land Acquisition Act, and consequently these cases appear as decided against Government.

8. The following is the result of Government litigation in the High Court during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Government	... 30	118	23
Decided against Government	... 77	3	...
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	... 2	1	...
Percentage in favour of Government	... 28	97½	100

9. I may, however, mention here that in one out of the 23 cases decided in favour of Government, the High Court gave a modified decree to the appellant, Mr. R. G. Shaw, dismissing the rest of his claim with costs. By virtue of this decree, Government has got a larger sum of money from the plaintiff than that decreed against it.

10. The result of Government litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years is as follows:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Government	... 25	62	26
Decided against Government	... 7	13	19
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	... 17	5	2
Percentage in favour of Government	... 78	82⅔	57⅞

11. Of the cases decided unfavourably as above shown, Government was appellant in only eight cases, having been successful in the remainder in the Courts of first instance, and in only three out of the eight had Government come into Court, in the first instance, as a plaintiff.

12. None of these cases had any special importance or matter of interest which would justify details.

13. The result of Government litigation in the Courts of first instance during the year 1888-89, as compared with the result of the two preceding years is as follows:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Government	... 687	344	289
Decided against Government	... 83	56	136
Compromised or withdrawn	... 123	83	55
Percentage in favour of Government	... 89	86	68$\frac{16}{17}$

14. Out of these 136 cases shown as decided against Government, 99 were land acquisition cases, in which the Judges, to whom they were referred, awarded the claimants compensation somewhat higher than that offered by the Collectors. Of the remaining 37 cases, 11 were instituted for recovery of surplus sale proceeds by persons not registered in the Collectorate. 11 cases were to reverse sales under the Revenue and Certificate Procedure, and 3 were for recovery of diluviated land alleged to have reformed *in situ*. None call for any detailed notice.

15. The following is the result of wards' litigation in all the Courts of Bengal during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	1,034	707	818
Decided against Court of Wards ...	310	185	110
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	91	68	43
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	77	79¼	88⅛

16. The result of wards' appeals in the High Court during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two previous years is as follows:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	20	10	11
Decided against Court of Wards ...	3	...	4
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	4	5	
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	87	100	73⅓

17. Of the four cases shown as decided against the Court of Wards, three were analogous ones instituted by the Manager without express authority from the Court of Wards, and dismissed in all the Courts. The High Court, in dismissing the appeals, remarked that under the plain provisions of section 55 of the Court of Wards Act, IX (B.C.) of 1879, as amended by Act III (B.C.) of 1881, no suit can be instituted on behalf of a ward without the previous sanction

of the Court of Wards, and that any sanction subsequently obtained cannot have retrospective effect. The Court (Messrs. Pigot and Rampini, J.J.) remarked: "We shall bring these cases to the notice of our colleagues in the hope that perhaps some rule may possibly be framed to remedy the consequences, in some measure at least, of the unfortunate drafting of the enactments." I have drawn the attention of the local authorities to this decision of the High Court, published at page 89, volume XVI of the Indian Law Reports, Calcutta Series, and pointed out that a strict compliance with section 55 of Act IX (B.C.) of 1879 must be observed in every suit instituted by Managers under the Court of Wards, and that a written order from the Commissioner should invariably be filed with the plaint. If these three appeals, which are analogous ones and governed by one decision, be considered as one case, the percentage in favour of Court of Wards would be about 85.

18. The other case was for enhancement of rent against a ward, where an order of remand by Lower Appellate Court was upheld by the High Court.

19. The result of wards' litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years is as follows:—

		1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	44	35	62
Decided against Court of Wards	...	38	109	24
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	4	3	10
Percentage in favour or Court of Wards	...	53½	24¾	72 1/10

20 The percentage is much better than those of the preceding years.

21. Of the 24 appeal cases shown as decided against the Court of Wards, 23 were conducted without reference to this office.

22. The following is the result of wards' litigation in the Courts of the first instance during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two previous years:—

		1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	970	662	745
Decided against Court of Wards	...	269	76	82
Compromised or withdrawn ...	...	83	60	33
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	..	78	89⅔	90

23. Of the 82 cases shown as decided against the Court of Wards, 66 were rent suits, and suits for recovery of money covered by bonds &c., not reported to this office; and of the remaining 16 cases, I shall notice only one which is of some importance.

Midnapore.
Bhuban Chandra Banerjea and others
versus
The Basudebpore Estate.

24. The plaintiffs in this case are the Government Pleader and other Pleaders of the Midnapore Bar. They lent to Rani Anandmoyi Debee, the adoptive mother of the minor of the Basudebpore Estate, the sum of Rs. 20,000 in Bhadro 1287B.S., on the mortgage of her property, at the rate of 18 per cent. per annum compound interest, with half-yearly rests. The loan not having been paid up, this suit was brought for recovery of Rs. 58,652-6-0 with compound interest. The defence was that the terms were extortionate, and undue advantage had been taken of the woman. The Lower Court gave a full decree to the plaintiffs, but an appeal has been filed against it to the High Court, where it is still pending.

25. None of the other cases call for any notice.

26. The following table shows the amount of Government decrees recovered during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years:—

		1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization	...	50,449	48,884	67,540
Realized during the year	...	13,367	11,389	30,281
Percentage of recovery	...	26½	23½	44⅚

27. The realization has been better than in preceding years, but the balance outstanding is still heavy. The largest outstanding balances are in the following districts:—

Bankoora, Rs. 5,084.—Out of this amount Rs. 5,024 are due from one Ashutosh Ghose (see paragraph 27 of last year's report), and for the realization

of this amount certain property of the judgment-debtor has been sold and purchased by Government for Rs. 200, and for the realization of the remainder warrant has been issued against the person of the debtor.

24-*Pergunnahs*, Rs. 3,370.—Out of this amount Rs. 2,915 was decreed during the latter end of the year, and no execution has yet been taken out. The rest is under process of recovery.

Julpigoree, Rs. 4,403.—For the realization of Rs. 4,337 the debtor's property was attached, but claims having been preferred by third parties, the property was not sold.

Dacca, Rs. 2,474.—Out of this amount Rs. 2,015 are due as costs from the claimants in land acquisition cases, and the amount will be deducted from the compensation money when paid to them.

Durbhunga, Rs. 3,264.—Out of this amount Rs. 352 have been realized after the close of the year. Rs. 656 will be realized from the sale proceeds of the debtor's estate held in civil deposit. For the realization of Rs. 2,187, the debtor applied to the Court for the satisfaction of the decree from the sale proceeds of his estate.

Sarun, *Rs.* 3,497.—Out of this amount Rs. 966 have been realized since the close of the year; Rs. 600 will be realized by instalments.

28. The following table shows the amount of Wards' decrees recovered during the year 1888-89 as compared with the two preceding years:—

	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Amount under realization ...	11,07,579	13,20,600	13,94,090
Realized during the year ...	1,63,806	2,59,312	2,68,027
Percentage of recovery ...	14⅞	19⅔	19¼

29. The largest outstanding balances are against the estates mentioned in paragraph 29 of last year's report. Out of a total demand of Rs. 47,144 due to the Nurhan estate, nothing was recovered during the year, and in the case of the Srinuggur estate, out of Rs. 78,441, only Rs. 174 were realized. I have called on the Collectors to submit special reports.

30. The office was in my charge during the year, except for the three months, from 18th August to 22nd November, when Mr. C. B. Garrett officiated during my absence on leave.

31. The following changes occurred in the office of the district Government pleaders:—Baboo Hari Nath Palit, B.L., was appointed Government pleader of Maldah in the place of Baboo Kalidas Chatterjee, deceased, *vide* Government order No. 1646J.D., dated 20th April 1888; Baboo Ashutosh Biswas was appointed Public Prosecutor of the 24-Pergunnahs, *vice* Baboo Biprodass Banerjee, resigned, *vide* Government order No. 3411J., dated 4th August 1888; and Baboo Debendro Chunder Ghose was appointed Government Pleader of the same district, *vice* Baboo Ashutosh Mookerjee, deceased, *vide* Government order No. 220J.D., dated 10th October 1888; Baboo Soshi Bhusan Mitter, L.L., was appointed Government pleader of Noakhally in the place of Baboo Ram Lal Sen, deceased, *vide* Government order No. 146J., dated 14th January 1889; Baboo Durga Dass Dass, a pleader of the Chittagong bar, was appointed Government pleader of Chittagong in the place of Baboo Pran Hurry Lala, resigned, *vide* Government order No. 777J., dated 15th February 1889; Baboo Mohini Mohan Burdhun, Government pleader of Tipperah, who obtained two years' leave of absence in order to join his appointment as Minister of the Rajah of Hill Tipperah, has rejoined his post on the expiry of his leave.

32. As regards the merits of the Government pleaders, I hold the same opinion as expressed in my reports of the last two years.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. T. ALLEN,

Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decision.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.		

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
High Court	30	2	380	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	8,819
Zillah appeals	8	2	3,865	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	4,005
Original suits	24	7	3,802	6	11,489	.....	.....	11	6,596
Total	62	11	8,047	6	11,489	.....	.....	45	19,420

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	.....	.....	1	1,100	.....	.....	1	12,965
Total	3	1	300	1	1,100	.....	.....	1	12,965

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1	.....	.....	1	10	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court	1	1	26,040	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	4	1	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	247
Total	5	2	26,047	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	247

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	1	1	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pensions, fees, &c., &c.

High Court	1	1	3,546	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	52	.....	.....
Total	3	1	3,546	1	2,000	1	52	.....	.....

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for recovery of rents unduly levied, or for recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demands.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	5	2	141	1	1,139	.....	.....	2	113
Original suits	10	2	736	.....	.....	2	1,409	6	1,918
Total	15	4	877	1	1,139	2	1,409	8	2,031

(9) Suits for wasilut or for the recovery of costs or surplus collections after an adjustment of account, or value of property or purchase-money.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	5	2	1,300	1	109	.....	.....	2	6,074
Original suits	33	8	28,791	11	4,499	1	756	13	43,076
Total	38	10	30,091	12	4,608	1	756	15	49,150

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates or other property for the recovery of rents or bad debts.

High Court	18	9	38,459	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	3,61,582
Zillah appeals	25	6	920	9	7,317	.....	.....	10	1,294
Original suits	65	23	1,64,916	4	18,118	2	1,730	36	91,492
Total	108	38	2,04,295	13	25,435	2	1,730	55	4,54,368

(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(12) Probate cases.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	

(2) Suits for the reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c., &c.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	4	3	1,03,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,984
Zillah appeals	11	4	3,103	1	90	1	2,000	5	1,182
Original suits	27	9	67,264	5	2,528	1	100	12	98,986
Total	42	16	1,73,367	6	2,618	2	2,100	18	1,02,152

(3) Suits for the reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c., &c.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	130	.....	.....
Original suits	7	3	1,916	4	1,163	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	8	3	1,916	4	1,163	1	130	.....	.....

(4) Suits for the reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable or on other pleas.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(6) Suits of third parties advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	200	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	3	.....	.....	2	135	.....	.....	1	400
Total	4	.....	.....	3	355	.....	.....	1	400

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over which the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales or regarding confirmation, or quashing of butwarrahs, or the imposition of fines.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,005
Total	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,005

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by revenue or other officers.

High Court	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,500
Zillah appeals	7	6	481	1	1,070	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	11	7	4,389	.....	.....	1	459	3	11,704
Total	19	13	4,870	1	1,070	1	459	4	13,204

C.

Cases in which Government is plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Withdrawn, compromised or remanded.	

(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or levy enhanced assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	138
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	18
Original suits	5	.....	.....	2	35	2	49	1	30
Total	17	.....	.....	2	35	2	49	13	186

(3) Suits for the recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(5) Suits for the recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contracts.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	1	349	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	2	1	165	.....	.....	1	1,000	.....	.....
Total	3	1	165	1	349	1	1,000	.....	.....

(6) Suits for possession of land or for recovery of debt or for damages.

High Court	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	37,247
Zillah appeals	4	2	692	2	2,189	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	17	7	12,461	2	338	.....	.....	8	27,764
Total	23	9	13,153	4	2,527	.....	.....	10	65,011

(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	5,745
Total	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	5,745

(8) Land acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.

High Court	11	7	3,720	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	24,779
Zillah appeals	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	371
Original suits	477	221	1,36,692	99	1,56,152	43	39,817	114	1,19,038
Total	489	228	1,40,412	99	1,56,152	43	39,817	119	1,44,188

(9) Interpleader suits under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

(10) Cases under section 537 of the Civil Procedure Code.

High Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Zillah appeals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Original suits	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51,82,282	.....	.....
Total	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	51,82,282	.....	.....

D.

General Abstract Statement of suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party, disposed of and pending in the year 1888-89.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ORIGINAL SUITS.												APPEAL SUITS.								
	DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.												DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.								
				In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.						In favour of Government.	Against Government.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded				
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1888.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff. / Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1889.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1888.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.	Total.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant. / Cases in which Government is respondent.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1889.	Number of cases in which Government is cast twice.	REMARKS.
High Court ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	42	37	79	... / 23	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	23	56	...	
Bankoora ...	...	12	12	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	10	...	2	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	...	
Burdwan	5	8	13	5 / 1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	7	6	...	4	4	... / 2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	1	...	
Beerbhoom ...	1	2	3	... / 3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	...	2	2	... / ...	1 / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	1	
Hooghly	7	10	17	... / 4	... / 5	... / 1	... / ...	10	7	...	2	2	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	...	
Midnapore	4	9	13	... / 5	1 / 1	2 / 2	... / ...	11	2	4	5	9	... / 1	3 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	6	3	3	
Jessore	3	2	5	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	3	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	
Khoolna	...	1	1	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Moorshedabad ...	1	1	2	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	...	1	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	
Nuddea	1	3	4	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	1	3	1	...	1	... / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	1	
24-Pergunnahs ...	169	187	356	174 / ...	72 / ...	2 / ...	34 / ...	282	74	...	1	1	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	
Bogra	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Dinagepore ...	...	2	2	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Pubna	(a)4	2	6	... / ...	... / 2	... / 1	... / ...	3	3	...	3	3	... / ...	... / 3	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	...	
Rajshahye	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	1	5	6	... / 6	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	6	...	...	
Rungpore	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Darjeeling	...	1	1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Julpigoree ...	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Backergunge ...	2	...	2	... / ...	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Dacca	44	45	89	21 / 2	18 / 2	... / ...	2 / 1	46	43	3	2	5	... / ...	1 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	2	1	
Furreedpore ...	2	12	14	1 / 2	2 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	7	7	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	
Mymensingh ...	2	5	7	... / 1	... / ...	... / 1	... / 1	3	4	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Chittagong	16	35	51	2 / 18	... / 11	... / ...	... / ...	31	20	7	10	17	1 / 7	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / 1	9	3	...	
Noakhally	2	3	5	1 / 1	.. / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	3	2	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Tipperah	(b)6	4	10	... / 5	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	5	5	1	3	4	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	3	...	
Chumparun ...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Durbhunga ...	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	2	...	2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	2	...	
Gya	2	4	6	... / 1	... / 4	... / 1	... / ...	6	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Mozufferpore ...	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	2	2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	2	...	
Patna	25	21	46	23 / 1	7 / ...	... / ...	5 / ...	36	10	1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	
Sarun	...	3	3	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	1	2	2	...	2	... / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	2	...	1	
Shahabad	1	1	2	... / 1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	2	1	3	... / ...	1 / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	1	1	
Bhagulpore ...	2	...	2	... / ...	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	1	1	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	
Maldah	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Monghyr	2	1	3	1 / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	3	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Purneah	1	1	2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	2	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Balasore	...	19	19	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	19	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Cuttack	1	...	1	... / ...	.. / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	1	...	1	1	2	... / 2	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	2	...	...	
Pooree	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	.. / ...	.. / ..	...	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Hazaribagh ...	...	1	1	... / ...	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	1	1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	
Lohardugga ...	...	1	1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	1	1	...	1	1 / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	
Manbhoom ...	(c) 2	1	3	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	2	..	...	...	... / ...	.. / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Singbhoom	(c) 1	...	1	... / 1	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	1	...	...	...	...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	... / ...	...	...	...	
Total ...	309	398	707	229 / 60	103 / 33	6 / 6	41 / 2	480	227	68	85	153	4 / 45	8 / 11	... / ...	... / 1	... / 1	70	83	8	

(a) One case was inadvertently shown as pending, although decided some time before the close of the last official year.
(b) There were eight cases pending during the last year, in two of which Government did not appear, as the dispute was between the Government tenants.
(c) The other two cases have been shown by transfer at Manbhoom.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department, from 1*st April* 1888 *to* 31*st March* 1889.

Divisions.	Districts.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.				
		Decrees in Civil Suits.	Decrees in Privy Council Appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	142	.....	162
	Bankurah	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	249	284
	Beerbhoom	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	27
	Midnapore	623	.....	.....	623	1,113	.....	297	165	1,575
	Hooghly	7	.....	.....	7	321	5	236	6	568
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	722	.....	.....	722	.....	342	6	522	870
	Khoolna	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	119	6	125
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	269	272
	Jessore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	688	17	98	803
	Moorshedabad	.....	.....	11	11	.....	.....	1,865	78	1,943
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore	372	.....	.....	372	.....	372	.....	.....	372
	Rajshahye	35	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	58	31	89
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pubna	235	.....	.....	235	.....	151	759	26	936
	Darjeeling	12	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Julpigoree	306	.....	.....	306	.....	.....	.....	20	20
Dacca	Dacca	82	.....	643	725	.....	5	42	199	246
	Furreedpore	188	.....	.....	188	.....	673	1,249	.....	1,922
	Backergunge	12	.....	102	114	228	.....	68	696	992
	Mymensingh	44	.....	.....	44	644	.....	502	.....	1,146
Chittagong	Tipperah	510	.....	.....	510	.....	187	683	389	1,259
	Noakhally	866	.....	.....	866	503	364	1,062	.....	1,929
	Chittagong	1,067	.....	.....	1,067	51	157	1,371	157	1,736
Patna	Patna	170	.....	36	206	.....	.....	.....	134	134
	Gya	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	1	20
	Shahabad	351	.....	.....	351	.....	.....	104	24	128
	Durbhunga	917	.....	.....	917	235	826	1,905	.....	2,966
	Mozufferpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	4	22
	Sarun	3,535	.....	.....	3,535	.....	.....	10	750	760
	Champarun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bhagulpore	Monghyr	9,632	.....	.....	9,632	245	253	1	789	1,288
	Bhagulpore	2,462	.....	.....	2,462	2,303	20	475	127	2,925
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,629	.....	2,629
	Maldah	21	.....	.....	21	.....	71	271	.....	342
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	431	.....	.....	431	.....	.....	.....	99	99
Orissa	Cuttack	3,574	.....	.....	3,574	.....	32	.....	.....	32
	Balasore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193	.....	193
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	149	.....	149
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	2,549	.....	678	3,227	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Manbhoom	78	.....	.....	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Singbhoom	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total	28,811	.....	1,470	30,281	5,678	4,166	14,280	4,839	28,963

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments, from 1*st April* 1888 *to* 31*st March* 1889.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on 1st April 1889.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1888.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.			Total.			Realized during 1888-89.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan...	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	57	.....	...
	Bankoora	3,793	923	52	55	229	33	3,848	1,152	85	.....	.....	.....	3,848	1,152	85	.....	.....	1	3,848	1,152	84
	Beerbhoom	485	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	485	16	15	.....	.....	.....	485	16	15	.....	.....	.....	485	16	15
	Midnapore	515	1	21	65	74	219	580	87	240	472	87	64	108	.....	176	.....	.....	.....	108	.....	176
	Hooghly	118	.....	3	268	.....	45	386	.....	48	3	.....	4	383	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	383	.....	44
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	806	.....	27	3,160	.....	99	3,966	.....	126	627	.....	95	3,339	.....	31	.....	.....	.....	3,339	.....	31
	Khoolna	102	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	50
	Nuddea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Jessore	332	.....	.....	81	.....	3	413	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	413	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	413	.....	3
	Moorshedabad	282	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,416	282	.....	1,416	.....	.....	11	282	.....	1,405	.....	.....	.....	282	.....	1,405
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar	Dinagepore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	372	.....	.....	372	.....	.....	372	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Rajshahye	200	.....	.....	6	12	29	206	12	29	6	.....	29	200	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	12	...
	Rungpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Bogra	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Pubna	.....	4	151	.....	22	272	.....	26	423	.....	15	220	.....	11	203	.....	.....	.....	.....	11	203
	Darjeeling	139	.....	(a).....	11	.....	1	150	.....	1	11	.....	1	139	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	139	.....	...
	Julpigoree	3,176	230	810	253	240	.....	3,429	470	810	293	13	.....	3,136	457	810	.....	.....	.....	3,136	457	810
Dacca	Dacca	318	.....	1,841	209	.....	831	527	.....	2,672	82	.....	643	445	.....	2,029	.....	.....	.....	445	.....	2,029
	Furreedpore	1,085	2	4	1,992	14	61	3,077	16	65	113	12	63	2,964	4	2	.....	.....	.....	2,964	4	2
	Backergunge	8	.....	.....	812	.....	7	820	.....	7	107	.....	7	713	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	713	.....	...
	Mymensingh	.....	.....	.....	398	.....	3	398	.....	3	41	.....	3	357	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	357	.....	...
Chittagong	Tipperah	62	.....	.....	462	14	23	524	14	23	473	14	23	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	.....	...
	Noakholly	.....	.....	.....	469	28	838	469	28	838	.....	28	838	469	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	469	.....	...
	Chittagong	1,309	.....	106	1,226	60	157	2,535	60	263	906	48	113	1,629	12	150	34	.....	.....	1,595	12	150
Patna	Patna	514	5	36	202	7	16	716	12	52	178	12	16	538	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	538	.....	36
	Gya	211	201	295	.....	.....	30	211	201	325	.....	.....	.....	211	201	325	.....	.....	.....	211	201	325
	Shahabad	273	.....	.....	532	13	21	805	13	21	317	13	21	488	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	488	.....	...
	Durbhunga	288	.....	.....	3,876	.....	17	4,164	.....	17	908	.....	9	3,256	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	3,256	.....	8
	Mozufferpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Sarun	5,687	759	182	547	227	109	6,234	986	291	3,224	221	90	3,010	765	201	310	110	59	2,700	655	142
	Chumparun	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Bhagulpore	Monghyr	.....	.....	.....	7,269	2,405	286	7,269	2,405	286	6,941	2,405	286	328	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	328	.....	...
	Bhagulpore	2,143	(b)287	(b)32	.....	.....	.....	2,143	287	32	2,143	287	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Purneah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Maldah	72	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	93	.....	.....	21	.....	.....	72	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	12	.....	...
	Sonthal Pergunnahs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	431	.....	.....	431	.....	.....	431	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Orissa	Cuttack	3,124	75	349	.....	7	32	3,124	82	381	3,124	82	368	.....	.....	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
	Balasore	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	192	.....	.....	199	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	199	.....	.....	7	.....	.....	192
	Pooree	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Chota Nagpore	Hazaribagh	2,549	.....	.....	12	209	474	2,561	209	474	2,549	209	469	12	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	5
	Lohardugga	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
	Manbhoom	1,088	331	60	.....	59	3	1,088	390	63	75	.....	3	1,013	390	60	.....	.....	.....	1,013	390	60
	Singbhoom	351	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	351	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	341	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	341	.....	...
	Total	29,087	2,846	4,041	21,926	3,620	6,020	51,013	6,466	10,061	22,624	3,446	4,211	28,389	3,020	5,850	404	110	67	27,985	2,910	5,783

(a) The discrepancy of Rs. 2 is owing to a mistake in last year's return.
(b) The discrepancy is owing to an erroneous calculation in the Collector's return for the last year.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realised and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1889.

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I.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Court of Wards is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1888-89.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS.								APPEAL SUITS.											
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.			In favour of Court of Wards.		Against Court of Wards.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.		Remanded.				
DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1888.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1889.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1888.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1889.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice.
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 11	15	26	2	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	11	4
Burdwan	84	135	219	145	5	22	...	...	1	...	...	173	46	2	2	4	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	2
Bankurah	56	31	87	61	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	62	25	2	..	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Beerbhoom ...	8 (b)	14	22	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	8	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Midnapore	14	7	21	7	1	...	3	...	2	...	...	13	8	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Hooghly	54	53	107	49	4	4	3	...	1	...	...	61	46	1	4	5	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	1
24-Pergunnahs ...	...	33	33	13	4	...	3	...	2	...	...	22	11	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Nuddea	1	19	20	17	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	19	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore	1	6	7	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	3	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khoolna	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Moorshedabad ...	7	16	23	6	1	1	1	...	1	...	2	12	11	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Dinagepore... ...	...	8	8	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Rajshahye	8	16	24	8	2	...	8	...	2	...	3	23	1	...	2	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1
Rungpore	No statement received though repeatedly called for.																											
Pubna	1	6	7	3	...	...	11	...	2	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra	1	9	10	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Julpigoree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling	... (c)	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	1	3	4	3	..	...	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Furreedpore ...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ...	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Mymensingh ...	12	21	33	15	5	3	1	...	...	...	...	24	9	3	2	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	1	...
Chittagong... ...	8	17	25	1	11	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	12	5	3	8	...	5	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	7	1	1
Noakholly	6	18	24	16	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	4	...	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Tipperah	44	25	69	12	45	...	2	...	...	1	...	60	9	3	27	30	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	27	...
Patna	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sarun	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gya	21 (d)	11	32	8	9	4	1	1	1	...	.	24	8	1 (d)	1	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Shahabad	4	50	54	35	...	3	3	...	...	...	..	41	13	...	5	5	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	5
Durbhunga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mozufferpore ...	3	6	9	1	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	5	4	2	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	..	2	...	2
Chumparun ...	4	...	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Monghyr	1	13	14	1	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	10	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Bhagulpore ...	3	25	28	19	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	24	4	...	53	53	25	3	6	...	9	...	...	...	...	43	10	6
Dumka	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maldah	72	...	72	66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purneah	...	45	45	17	4	1	7	...	4	...	1	34	11	..	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pooree	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore	...	3	3	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	12	76	88	85	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	85	3	...	6	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	..	...
Lohardugga ...	8	19	27	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	8	19	2	2	4	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
Manbhoom ...	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Total ...	439	695	1,134	632	113	43	39	1	20	3	9	860	274	35	130	165	47	26	25	3	9	...	...	...	1	...	111	54	25

(a) The difference of four cases is owing to estates having been released, and our connection with those appeal cases having ceased.
(b) The discrepancy is owing to Sultangatcha estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.
(c) The difference of one case is owing to the release of the estate of Dharani Mohan and Sarasi Mohan Rai.
(d) There were five original cases and five appeals shown as pending at the close of last year; the difference is owing to the estate of Rughonundan Persad Sing having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by Court of Wards under decrees of court from 1*st April* 1888 *to* 31*st March* 1889.

Districts.	Names of estates.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Hooghly ...	Sultangatcha estate ...	(Released)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate ...	67,563	.....	.....	67,563	1,383	30,592	9,852	.....	19,966	61,793
	Modhupore	Statement not received.			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bankoora ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Midnapore	Jamirapore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Belki ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Pathra ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Beraberia ,, ...	222	.....	.....	222	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nischinta ,, ...	(Released.)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Malighati ,, ...	22	.....	.....	22	.....	8	10	.....	10	28
	Khettrohat ,, ...	6,391	.....	.....	6,391	.....	30	.....	.....	3	33
	Basudebpore ,, ...	8,444	.....	.....	8,444	.....	5	50	.....	399	454
	Be uria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Turkua ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Baruttur Hinglee estate	10	.....	.....	10	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	4
	Nayabasan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nayagram ,, ...	4,722	.....	.....	4,722	.....	78	87	.....	.....	165
	Mohespur ,, ...	58	.....	.....	58	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	16
	Total ...	19,869	.....	.....	19,869	.....	141	147	.....	412	700
Moorshedabad.	Nashipore estate (mal)	2,892	.....	.....	2,892	71	.....	.....	.....	.....	71
	Ditto ,, (debutter)	308	.....	.....	308	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Cassimbazar ,, ...	6,339	.....	.....	6,339	.....	1,765	543	.....	18,494	20,802
	Sydabad ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	9,539	.....	.....	9,539	71	1,765	543	.....	18,494	20,873
Khoolna ...	Syudpore Trust estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	281	.....	.....	281
Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate	3,254	.....	.....	3,254	.....	372	27	.....	199	598
24-Pergunnahs.	Baranagore estate ...	162	.....	.....	162	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,052	3,052
	Bhawanipore ,, ...	3,060	.....	.....	3,060	.....	101	30	.....	.....	131
	Ditto Boroda Prosad Roy's estate ...	2,613	10,000	.....	12,613	3,986	4,565	606	134	5,080	14,371
	Joynagore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Belghoria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	5,835	10,000	.....	15,835	3,986	4,666	636	134	8,132	17,554
Dinagepore	Chooramon estate ...	Statement not received.			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Haripore ,, ...	293	.....	.....	293	13	19	.....	.....	.....	32
	Sankerpore ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Maldwar ,, ...	15,912	.....	.....	15,912	.....	235	.....	.....	227	462
	Total ...	16,205	.....	.....	16,205	13	254	.....	.....	227	494
Rungpore...	Burdhunkootee estate...	Statements not received.			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	I. C. Roy's Trust ,, ...										
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rajshahye	Dighaputea estate (eldest ward).	39,135	.....	.....	39,135	8,845	2,175	257	.....	239	11,516
	Dighaputea estate (three younger wards).	41,810	.....	.....	41,810	1,220	1,026	337	.....	103	2,686
	Putea estate	(Released.)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	80,945	.....	.....	80,945	10,065	3,201	594	.....	342	14,202
Julpigoree ...	Pudmabati Estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca	Lolit Mohon Roy's estate	(Released.)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mymensingh.	Dhunkurah estate ...	1,980	.....	11,223	13,203	.....	1,574	117	.....	10,790	12,481
	Pagose ...	Statements not received.			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hur Gobind Lushkur's estate.										
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Backergunge.	Taruk Kumar Chukerbutty's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bepin Behary Das' estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Nobo Durga Debya's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Dukhin Shahbazpur estate.	.....	.....	1,101	1,101	.....	2,901	31	.....	303	3,240
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

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Districts.	Names of estates.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount including costs awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhry's estate.	36	.....	.....	36	.....	58	.....	.....	.....	58
	Magan Das Roy's estate	22	.....	.....	22	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	32
	Nyan Tara Chowdhrani's estate.	66	.....	.....	66	.....	809	.....	.....	.....	809
	Raj Kissen Banerjee's estate.	71	.....	.....	71	.....	44	.....	.....	.....	44
	Fazl Ali Khan's estate...	202	.....	.....	202	40	504	.....	.....	.....	544
	Fazl Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	(Released.)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Abdul Fatheh Khan's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	397	.....	.....	397	40	1,447	.....	.....	.....	1,487
Noakhally	Gunga Charan Mozumdar's estate.	466	.....	.....	466	.....	.....	66	.....	42	108
	Courjon estate	66	.....	.....	66	.....	337	9	.....	374	720
	Panameah's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bhobonjoy Shaha's estate	1,391	.....	93	1,484	.....	88	147	.....	225	460
	Total ...	1,923	.....	93	2,016	.....	425	222	.....	641	1,288
Durbhunga...	Nurhan estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	2,463	.....	142	2,605	.....	.....	.....	.....	590	590
	Rughunundun Prosad Singh's estate.	(Released)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patna ...	Bhugwant Narayan's estate.	Statement not received			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Debi Prosad Lunatic's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	4
	Bhugwat Prosad's estate	Statement not received			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gya ...	Tikari estate	13,987	4,830	.....	18,817	717	2,486	184	.....	82	3,469
Maldah ...	Chanchal estate	85	.....	.....	85	.....	76	.....	.....	16	92
Bhagulpore	Lugmah estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Lalpore Patori estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Srinuggur estate ...	174	.....	.....	174	.....	3,131	323	.....	310	3,764
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Purneah ...	Badour widow's estate...	10,346	.....	.....	10,346	158	116	151	.....	1,287	1,712
	Do. minor's do.	1,309	.....	.....	1,309	2	.....	21	.....	718	741
	Total ...	11,655	.....	.....	11,655	160	116	172	.....	2,005	2,453
Pooree ...	Wards' estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	9
Balasore ...	Wards' estates	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	5	15
Manbhoom...	Jhalda estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	70
	Jharia estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Begunkoodar estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	2	.....	.....	19
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	87	2	.....	.....	89
Lohardugga	Punjrikallan estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate ...	245	.....	4,496	4,741	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,924	2,924
	Serampore estate ...	(Released)			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Jiridih and other encumbered estates.	.....	.....	43	43	.....	85	.....	.....	498	583
	Satgawan estate	Statement not received			.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Total ...	245	.....	4,539	4,784	.....	85	.....	.....	3,422	3,507
	Grand Total ...	2,36,119	14,830	17,098	2,68,047	16,505	53,242	13,138	134	65,945	1,48,964

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1888.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Hooghly ...	Sultangatcha estate ...	Released.								
	Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate ...	2,41,447	37,829	9,445	53,235	11,581	5,690	2,94,682	49,410	15,135
		Modhupore ,, ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Bankoorah ...	Supur estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Midnapore ...	Jamirapore estate...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Belki ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Pathra ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Beraberia ,, ...	137	77	2	.....	6	.....	137	83	2
		Nischinta ,, ...	(Released.)								
		Malighati ,, ...	65	74	124	.....	.....	20	65	74	144
		Khettrohat ,, ...	18,492	2,169	7·6	.....	432	70	18,492	2,601	776
		Basudebpore ,, ..	18,823	6,450	2,225	.....	400	7	18,823	6,850	2,232
		Beluria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Tarkua ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Baruttur Hinglee,, ...	20	6	6	.....	.....	4	20	6	10
		Nayabasan ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nayagram ,, ...	15,470	1,595	30	.....	67	125	15,470	1,662	155
		Mohespore ,, ...	659	91	.....	28	74	5	687	165	5
		Total ...	53,666	10,462	3,093	28	979	231	53,694	11,441	3,324
Presidency.	Moorshedabad	Nashipore estate (mal)	588	42	57	1,891	126	188	2,479	168	245
		,, ,, (debutter).	232	65	11	.....	.....	.....	232	65	11
		Cassimbazar estate ...	(a) 8,912	(a) 655	(a) 1,215	8,622	401	188	17,534	1,056	1,403
		Sydabad ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	9,732	762	1,28 3	10,513	527	376	20,245	1,289	1,659
	Khoolna ...	Syudpore Trust estate	.....	.....	112	.....	.....	169	.....	.....	281
	Nuddea ...	Nuddea estate ...	3,416	1,032	312	2,734	488	223	6,150	1,520	535
	24-Pergunnahs	Baranagore estate...	2,391	232	131	11	2	.....	2,402	234	131
		Bhowanipore ,, ...	4,613	205	33	.....	370	144	4,613	575	177
		Ditto Baroda Prosad Roy's estate.	(b) 48,167	(b) 2,457	(b) 405	3,962	471	1,672	52,129	2,928	2,077
		Joynagore estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Belghoria ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	55,171	2,894	569	3,973	843	1,816	59,144	3,737	2,385
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore	Chooramon estate ...	No statement received.								
		Haripore	(c) 115	105	53	36	11	32	151	116	85
		Sunkerpore	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Maldwar	13,934	3,929	2,085	1,425	272	476	15,359	4,201	2,561
		Total ...	14,049	4,034	2,138	1,461	283	508	15,510	4,317	2,646
	Rungpore	Burdhunkotee estate	Statements not received.								
		I. C. Roy's Trust estate.									
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Rajshahye	Dighaputea estate, (eldest ward.)	79,733	14,102	8,838	10,278	148	190	90,011	14,250	9,028
		Dighaputea estate (three younger wards).	1,49,245	14,738	8,989	201	.....	.....	1,49,446	14,738	8,989
		Putea estate	(Released.)								
		Total ...	2,28,978	28,840	17,827	10,479	148	190	2,39,457	28,988	18,017
	Julpigoree ...	Pudmabati estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dacca.	Dacca ...	Lolit Mohun Roy's estate.	(Released).								
	Mymensingh	Dhunkura estate ...	36,738	3,569	4,577	18,741	2,263	4,526	55,479	5,832	9,103
		Pogose estate ...	Statements not received.								
		Hur Gobind Lushkur's estate.									
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Wards in the Revenue Department, was realized and what was outstanding on 1st *April* 1889.

Realized during 1888-89.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
57,819	6,478	3,266	2,36,863	42,932	11,869	5,764	3,086	234	2,31,099	39,846	11,635
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137	83	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	22	65	74	122	65	74	117	.....	.....	5
3,916	2,231	194	14,576	320	582	270	.....	.....	14,306	320	582
8,000	412	32	10,823	6,438	2,200	116	56	11	10,707	6,382	2,189
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	.....	.....	10	6	10	.....	.....	.....	10	6	10
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
4,600	22	100	10,870	1,640	55	4,644	785	14	6,226	855	41
48	8	2	639	157	3	.....	.....	.....	639	157	3
16,711	2,806	352	36,983	8,635	2,972	5,095	915	142	1,888	7,720	2,830
2,479	168	245	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
232	65	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
6,078	124	137	11,456	932	1,266	1,421	204	485	10,035	728	781
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8,789	357	393	11,456	932	1,266	1,421	204	485	10,035	728	781
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	281	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	281
2,541	366	327	3,609	1,154	208	.....	.....	.....	3,609	1,154	208
123	4	35	2,279	230	96	50	.....	11	2,229	230	85
2,315	572	173	2,298	3	4	1,851	.....	.....	447	3	4
11,491	293	829	40,638	2,635	1,248	.....	.....	.....	40,638	2,635	1,248
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
13,929	869	1,037	45,215	2,868	1,348	1,901	.....	11	43,314	2,868	1,337
115	112	66	36	4	19	.....	.....	.....	36	4	19
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
11,311	3,225	1,376	4,048	976	1,185	1,413	516	626	2,635	460	559
11,426	3,337	1,442	4,084	980	1,204	1,413	516	626	2,671	464	578
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
37,847	376	912	52,164	13,874	8,116	50	1,020	208	52,114	12,854	7,908
41,100	250	460	1,08,346	14,488	8,529	.....	.....	.....	1,08,346	14,488	8,529
78,947	626	1,372	1,60,510	28,362	16,645	50	1,020	208	1,60,460	27,342	16,437
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8,337	1,751	3,115	47,142	4,081	5,988	.....	.....	.....	47,142	4,081	5,988
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

Division.	District.	Name of Estate.	Outstanding on 1st April 1888.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Dacca—*concld.*	Backergunge	Taruk Kumar Chakerbutry's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Bepin Behari Das' estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Nobo Durga Debya's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Dukhin Shahbazpore estate.	(*d*) 27,149	(*d*) 14,504	(*d*) 4,374	.....	632	3	27,149	15,136	4,377
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chittagong.	Chittagong	Hedait Ally Chowdhry's estate.	25	6	.....	.....	7	120	25	13	120
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	167	81	73	4	8	54	171	89	127
		Nyan Tara Chowdrani's estate.	10	2	101	.....	8	45	10	10	146
		Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.	97	45	12	.....	9	14	97	54	26
		Fazl Ally Khan's estate	26	1	6	179	.....	14	205	1	20
		Fazl Ahmed Chowdhury's estate.	Released.								
		Abdul Fatheh Khan's estate.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Total ...	325	135	192	183	32	247	508	167	439
	Noakhally ...	Gunga Charn Mozumdar's estate.	304	129	117	.....	14	13	304	143	130
		Courjon estate ...	.....	.....	169	.....	.....	289	.....	.....	458
		Panameah's estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Bhobonjoy Shah's estate.	5,068	1,026	583	416	294	174	5,484	1,320	757
		Total ...	5,372	1,155	869	416	308	476	5,788	1,463	1,345
Patna.	Durbhunga ...	Nurhan estate ...	4,292	35,510	3,364	1,223	1,855	500	5,515	37,365	3,864
	Shahabad ...	Deokumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	15,366	42	7,384	9,253	1,160	2,577	24,619	1,202	9,961
		Rughunundun Prosad Singh's estate.	Released.								
	Patna ...	Bhugwant Narayan's estate.	Statement not received.								
		Debi Prosad Lunatic's estate.	219	48	34	428	12	4	647	60	38
		Bhugwat Prosad's estate.	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Gya	Tikari estate... ...	91,871	18,801	896	19,301	2,808	603	1,11,172	21,609	1,499
Bhagulpore.	Maldah	Chanchal estate ...	915	705	75	79	35	92	994	740	167
	Bhagulpore ...	Lugmah estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Lalpore Patori estate	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
		Srinuggur estate ...	(*e*)52,027	(*e*)8,376	(*e*)9,039	7,967	139	893	59,994	8,515	9,932
		Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Purneah ...	Badour widow's estate	68,153	22,245	1,516	795	18	13	68,948	22,263	1,529
		Ditto minor's ,,	22,388	3,813	64	.....	.....	.....	22,388	3,813	64
		Total ...	90,541	26,058	1,580	795	18	13	91,336	26,076	1,593
Orissa.	Pooree	Ward's estate... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	25
	Balasore ...	Ditto	.....	.....	.....	11	2	4	11	2	4
Chota Nagpore.	Manbhoom ...	Jhaldah estate ...	52	4	10	123	3	2	175	7	12
		Jharia ,, ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		Begoonkoodar estate...	507	7	4	.....	43	.....	507	50	4
		Total ...	559	11	14	123	46	2	682	57	16
	Lohardugga ...	Punjrikallan estate ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhunwar estate ...	2,159	558	1,971	5,181	987	1,711	7,340	1,545	3,682
		Serampore estate ...	(Released).								
		Jiridih and other encumbered estates.	(*f*)2,047	.....	1,429	.....	.....	.....	2,047	.....	1,429
		Satgawan estate ...	Statement not received.								
		Total ...	4,206	558	3,400	5,181	987	1,711	9,387	1,545	5,111
		Grand Total ...	9,36,039	1,95,325	70,577	1,46,124	25,146	20,879	10,82,163	2,20,471	91,456

(*a*) The discrepancy is owing to inclusion of interest and cost in the principal; the
(*b*) The discrepancy in the figures is owing to inclusion of rent decrees which were
(*c*) The manager says that the figures in his statement of the last year were not
(*d*) The discrepancies are owing to decrees awarded in previous years, knowledge
(*e*) The discrepancies are owing to mistakes in the Collector's return of the last
(*f*) The difference of Rs. 60 is owing to the exclusion of that amount from the state-

concluded.

Realized during 1888-89.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
147	474	480	27,002	14,662	3,897	163	103	55	26,839	14,559	3,842
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	7	4	.....	6	116	.....	.....	.....	.....	6	116
19	2	1	152	87	126	95	61	82	57	26	44
10	3	53	.....	7	93	.....	1	44	.....	6	49
40	17	14	57	37	12	.....	.....	.....	57	37	12
190	1	11	15	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	9
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
284	30	83	224	137	356	95	62	126	129	75	230
282	97	87	22	46	43	.....	.....	.....	22	46	43
.....	.....	66	.....	.....	392	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	392
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
862	483	139	4,632	837	618	342	41	183	4,280	796	435
1,144	580	292	4,644	883	1,053	342	41	183	4,302	842	870
.....	.....	.....	5,515	37,365	3,864	.....	6,589	.....	5,515	30,776	3,864
2,593	.....	12	22,026	1,202	9,949	4,015	901	1,057	18,011	301	8,892
.....	.....	.....	647	60	38	428	.....	.....	219	60	38
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
14,425	3,485	907	96,747	18,124	592	.....	.....	.....	96,747	18,124	592
.....	.....	85	994	740	82	205	206	.....	789	534	82
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
130	17	27	59,864	8,498	9,905	1,102	1,863	872	58,762	6,635	9,033
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7,593	2,043	710	61,355	20,220	819	2,883	2,163	53	58,472	18,057	766
95	1,210	4	22,293	2,603	60	.....	.....	.....	22,293	2,603	60
7,688	3,253	714	83,648	22,823	879	2,883	2,163	53	80,765	20,660	826
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
.....	.....	.....	11	2	4	.....	.....	.....	11	2	4
.....	.....	.....	175	7	12	.....	.....	.....	175	7	12
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	507	50	4	.....	.....	.....	507	50	4
.....	.....	.....	682	57	16	.....	.....	.....	682	57	16
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
3,217	456	1,068	4,123	1,089	2,614	184	129	346	3,939	960	2,268
38	.....	5	2,009	.....	1,424	.....	.....	1,410	2,009	.....	14
3,255	456	1,073	6,132	1,089	4,038	184	129	1,756	5,948	960	2,282
2,28,165	24,885	14,977	8,53,998	1,95,586	76,479	25,061	17,798	5,808	8,28,937	1,77,788	70,671

total, however, of the three items agrees with the total balance shown at the end of the last year.
not included in the last year's return.
correct.
of which was only received during the year under report, having been added to the balance of the last year.
year.
ment, as it was realized before the Barsutti estate came under management.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1889.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1888.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1888 to 31st March 1889.			Total.			Realized during 1888-89			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	322	...	...	58	...	...	380	...	...	58	...	...	322	...	...	...	...	...	322	...	...	22
	Bankura	722	...	65	272	6	30	994	6	95	77	1	21	917	5	74	207	...	...	710	5	74	28
	Beerbhoom	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Midnapore	4,261	...	64	4,576	42	191	8,837	42	255	1,585	42	132	7,252	...	123	...	...	...	7,252	...	123	188
	Hooghly	3,712	...	180	1,737	...	45	5,449	...	225	1,376	...	39	4,073	...	186	186	...	...	3,887	...	186	34
Presidency	24-Pergunnahs	4,758	...	187	2,351	...	21	7,109	...	208	585	...	21	6,524	...	187	...	...	...	6,524	...	187	111
	Khoolna	1,868	...	193	...	...	24	1,868	...	217	81	...	...	1,787	...	217	456	...	89	1,331	...	128	7
	Nuddea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	33
	Jessore	2,656	...	39	427	...	40	3,083	...	79	184	...	40	2,899	...	39	...	...	...	2,899	...	39	41
	Moorshedabad	2,496	...	5	929	...	...	3,425	...	5	134	...	...	3,291	...	5	701	...	...	2,590	...	5	...
Rajshahye and Cooch Behar.	Dinagepore	...	...	...	101	...	...	101	...	...	101	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahye	3,517	...	7	132	...	...	3,649	...	7	100	...	...	3,549	...	7	...	...	...	3,549	...	7	4
	Rungpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pubna	...	...	110	...	...	107	...	...	217	...	...	110	...	...	107	...	...	...	...	...	107	...
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Julpigooree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca	Dacca	8,048	...	260	673	...	43	8,721	...	303	833	...	23	7,888	...	280	...	...	...	7,888	...	280	43
	Furreedpore	816	...	...	54	...	10	870	...	10	84	...	10	786	...	...	...	...	...	786	...	...	...
	Backergunge	2,067	...	109	410	...	24	2,477	...	133	69	...	6	2,408	...	127	...	...	...	2,408	...	127	77
	Mymensingh	74	...	...	399	...	...	473	...	...	8	...	...	465	...	...	...	...	...	465	...	...	...
Chittagong	Tipperah	621	...	...	164	...	44	785	...	44	97	...	35	688	...	9	...	...	...	688	...	9	35
	Noakholly	...	...	150	...	...	221	...	...	371	...	...	168	...	...	203	...	...	...	...	...	203	15
	Chittagong	(a) 338	...	28	...	...	12	338	...	40	7	...	6	331	...	34	...	...	...	331	...	34	12
Patna	Patna	2,631	...	...	2,720	...	...	5,351	...	...	90	...	...	5,261	...	...	...	...	...	5,261	...	...	...
	Gya	3,643	91	130	1,163	...	...	4,806	91	130	28	...	...	4,778	91	130	...	...	...	4,778	91	130	1
	Shahabad	1,031	...	21	299	...	6	1,330	...	27	66	...	6	1,264	...	21	...	...	...	1,264	...	21	11
	Durbhunga	279	...	...	2,730	...	...	3,009	...	...	...	...	...	3,009	...	...	...	...	...	3,009	...	...	...
	Mozufferpore	193	...	339	310	...	46	503	...	385	150	...	336	353	...	49	...	...	...	353	...	49	2
	Sarun	...	...	30	...	...	5	...	...	35	...	...	5	...	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	30	3
	Chumparun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagulpore	Monghyr	...	...	...	61	...	...	61	...	...	...	...	...	61	...	...	...	...	...	61	...	...	...
	Bhagulpore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Purneah	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
	Maldah	76	...	...	123	...	...	199	...	...	...	...	...	199	...	...	76	...	...	123	...	...	94
	Sonthal Pergunnahs.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pooree	1,652	...	...	...	...	...	1,652	...	...	...	...	...	1,652	...	...	...	...	...	1,652	...	...	...
	Balasore	...	...	136	...	...	752	...	...	888	...	...	67	...	...	821	...	...	102	...	...	719	15
Chota Nagpore.	Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lohardugga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manbhoom	742	...	22	1,503	...	15	2,245	...	37	...	...	...	2,245	...	37	...	...	...	2,245	...	37	...
	Singbhoom	79	...	1	155	...	8	234	...	9	53	...	7	181	...	2	...	...	...	181	...	2	...
Total	.....	46,602	91	2,076	21,347	48	1,644	67,949	139	3,720	5,766	43	1,032	62,183	96	2,688	1,626	...	191	60,557	96	2,497	781

(a).—The discrepancy is due to the modification of a decree by the Civil Court.

H. P. and others · Reg. No. 1371J—192—12-7-89.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Darjeeling, the 22nd September 1889.

READ—

The Report on the Legal Affairs of the Government of Bengal for the year 1888-89.

Read also—

The Reports for the two preceding years, and the orders of Government thereon.

The report, which was dated the 30th June, was received in this Office on the 15th July. It contains very little matter calling for comment, beyond the satisfactory fact that there was a very considerable diminution in the amount of the litigation to which the Government was a party during the year.

2. Out of eight appeal cases which were before the Privy Council during the year under review, only two were decided, the decision in both cases being against the Government. In one of these the Secretary of State for India in Council was the appellant, the decision having been adverse to the Government in the Indian Courts. In the other the Secretary of State was the respondent.

3. The following is the result of civil litigation in all the Courts of Bengal to which Government was a party during the year 1888-89, as compared with the two preceding years:—

		1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of Government	...	742	524	338
Decided against Government	...	167	72	155
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	...	142	89	57
Percentage in favour of Government	...	81½	88	68½

The percentage here given is the percentage of cases decided in favour of the Government out of those in which the Court actually arrived at a decision, and exclusive of those compromised, remanded or withdrawn. If these latter cases be included, the figures for the three years are 70½, 76½ and 61½ respectively.

4. The Legal Remembrancer explains that the low percentage of cases decided in favour of the Government during the year under review is due to the fact that in 99 land acquisition cases the Collector's offer was slightly varied by the Judges to whom the cases were referred under section 15 of the Land Acquisition Act, and consequently these cases appear as decided against the Government. This explanation is not altogether supported by the actual facts. Apart from land acquisition cases the statistics for the last five years are as follow:—

	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
Decided in favour of the Government ...	250	157	155	280	110
Ditto against the Government ...	44	49	146	42	56
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn ...	64	324	30	20	14
	358	530	331	342	180
Percentage in favour of the Government of total cases actually decided ...	85	76	51½	87	66

It appears therefore that if land acquisition figures are excluded, the proportion of cases decided against Government is more unfavourable than if they are included. Further analysis shows that as regards the lower courts there is scarcely any improvement, and in the Lower Appellate Courts there is a falling off in the percentage of cases decided in favour of the Government, which has not been explained. In the High Court, however, the Government was remarkably successful during the year under review, every case being decided in its favour, and no case being compromised, remanded or withdrawn.

5. The figures in the margin, comparing the results of the litigation in which the Court of Wards was concerned in 1888-89 with those of the two preceding years, show a considerable improvement during the year under review. The percentage of cases, original and appellate, decided in favour of the Court of Wards, to the cases actually decided, was in the three years 77½, 79 and 88, as compared with 81½, 88 and 68½, the percentage of Government cases decided in favour of the Government. It is unsatisfactory, however, that in so many instances cases were conducted without any reference to the Legal Remembrancer's Office, no less than 23 out of the 24 unsuccessful appeals in the lower Appellate Courts having been so conducted. The attention of all Managers of Wards' Estates should be specially drawn to the High Court ruling to the effect that no suit can be instituted on behalf of a ward without the previous sanction of the Court of Wards.

	Original cases.			Appeal before High Court.			Before Lower Courts.		
	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.
In favour of Court of Wards	970	662	745	20	10	11	44	35	62
Against Court of Wards ...	269	76	82	3	...	4	38	109	24
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	83	60	33	4	5	...	4	3	10
Total ...	1,322	798	860	27	15	15	86	147	96
Percentage in favour of Government	78	89⅓	90	87	100	73⅓	53½	24¼	72 1/10

6. The Lieutenant-Governor observes with satisfaction the improvement in the amount realised on account of Government decrees, the realisations having increased from Rs. 11,389, or 23½ per cent. in 1887-88 to Rs. 30,281, or 44⅚ per cent., of the amount under recovery in 1888-89. In the case of Wards' estates the percentage of recovery still continues very low. The explanation given of this is that the decrees are outstanding for the most part from long before the estates came under the Court of Wards, and in last year's report it was said that the amounts where recovery was barred by limitation must be written off. The Lieutenant-Governor observes, however, that the amount under realisation has increased by nearly 50 per cent. in three years, and hopes that the action which the Legal Remembrancer will take on the special reports now called for by him may lead to a substantial reduction in the large amount now under realisation.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

JOHN EDGAR,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. J23 $\frac{R}{1}$ 2.

COPY of this Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs, for information.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

L. P. SHIRRES,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The October 1889.

W. LeB.—Reg. No. 3448C—239—12-10-89.

REPORT

ON

THE LEGAL AFFAIRS

OF THE

BENGAL GOVERNMENT

FOR THE YEAR

1894-95.

Calcutta:
PRINTED AT THE BENGAL SECRETARIAT PRESS.
1895.

No. 324.

FROM THE HON'BLE T. D. BEIGHTON,

Offg. Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs,

TO THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF BENGAL.

Dated Calcutta, the 18th June 1895.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, the following report regarding the civil litigation of the Government of Bengal during the year 1894-95.

2. *Privy Council.*—The case noted in the margin is the only one that has been pending for disposal before the Judicial Committee since the close of the last official year. This case was referred to in paragraph 3 of the report for the last year and in paragraph 8 of the previous year's report. The question involved in the case is the claim of the plaintiff to timber found adrift in the river Tista in the district of Jalpaiguri. As above reported, the claim of the Raikat has been dismissed both in the Lower Court and in the High Court. It was only towards the close of the year under report that an intimation was received that the transcript of the case was ready for despatch to England. A note for the guidance of the Solicitors at home in arguing the case has been prepared, copies of which have been forwarded to the Solicitor and Legal Adviser to the India Office, London, and to the Government—*vide* this office letter No. 169, dated 2nd May 1895.

Fanindra Deb Raikat, Plaintiff, Appellant,

versus

The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Respondent.

3. During the year under report only one case was appealed to the Privy Council, in which the Syedpur Trust Estate, managed by the Collector of Khulna, under the provisions of Regulation XIX of 1810, is the respondent. The appeal having been filed very lately, no steps have yet been taken for preparing the defence. Under instructions from the local authorities the validity of the security bond, deposited by the appellant on account of the costs of the respondent under the provisions of section 602 of the Civil Procedure Code, has been challenged.

Radhamoni Debi, Appellant to England,

versus

The Collector of Khulna on behalf of the Syedpur Trust Estate, Respondent, to England.

4. The following table will show the result of litigation in all the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government was a party during the year 1894-95, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

	ORIGINAL CASES.			APPEALS— Before Lower Courts.			APPEALS— Before High Court.			TOTAL.		
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Decided in favour of Government	336	209	110	44	47	45	11	27	18	391	283	173
Decided against Government	116	63	36	12	7	12	6	11	2	134	81	50
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	108	46	13	8	18	8	4	6	4	120	70	25
Percentage in favour of Government.	74·4	76·8	75·3	78·5	87·03	78·9	64·	71·05	90	74·5	77·7	74·2

5. The above figures include cases under the Land Acquisition Act. The result, deducting these cases, is shown in the table below:—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before Lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Decided in favour of Government	145	104	86	44	47	45	11	27	17	200	178	148
Decided against Government	52	40	36	12	7	12	6	9	1	72	56	49
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	8	21	12	8	18	7	4	5	4	20	44	23
Percentage in favour of Government.	73·6	72·2	70·4	78·5	87·03	78·9	64·7	75	94·4	73·5	76·06	75·1

6. The unusually small number of land acquisition cases decided during the year accounts for the decrease in litigation. Deducting this class of cases, in which reference to the Civil Court by the Collector is compulsory under the Act, the ratio of successful results during the year is about the same as in previous years.

7. *High Court.*—The following is the result of litigation in the High Court in which Government was a party during the year 1894-95, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

		(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
1. Decided in favour of Government	...	11	27	18
2. Decided against Government	...	6	11	2
3. Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn	...	4	6	4
4. Percentage in favour of Government	...	64·7	71·05	90

8. It is satisfactory to note that the percentage of cases decided in favour of Government has, during the year under report, risen to so high a figure.

9. As will be seen, only two cases were decided adversely to Government, and in both of these Government was the defendant respondent. One of them was an appeal from an original decree, and the other from an appellate decree.

10. This suit, the first of the two, was brought for compensation for three *kanis* of land acquired for public purposes, and the case was referred to the Civil Court for disposal under section 15 of Act X of 1870. The plaintiff claimed Rs. 3,000 for the land acquired, while the Collector offered Rs. 100, that being the valuation given by the plaintiff in a former suit against Government which was decreed by the Sadar Munsif. The plaintiff contended that the value of land in the town of Chittagong was enhanced owing to the construction of the railway. The District Judge held, disagreeing from the assessors, that the amount claimed was altogether extravagant. He observed that a problematical increase in the value of land owing to the railway must be set off against an indubitable decline in the value of Noabad mahals, as their terms of settlement were drawing to a close. He therefore decided the market value to be 12 years' purchase at Rs. 15 per *kani*, less Rs. 500 costs of improvement, and awarded Rs. 148 as the value of the entire land plus the statutory allowance of 15 per cent. and costs. Against this decision the plaintiff appealed to the High Court. The Court held that the Judge was right in his estimate of the market value of the land, but that he ought not to have deducted Rs. 500 from the value on account of the cost of

Chittagong.

Ram Kamal Shaha, Plaintiff, Appellant,

versus

Collector under Act X of 1870, Defendant, Respondent.

levelling. There was nothing to show that the vendor was to pay for the levelling of the land or any other cost of improvement, and the Court accordingly decreed the suit for Rs. 648, together with the usual statutory allowance and costs.

Sibsagar.
Shubhadeo Adhicar Gossami, Plaintiff, Appellant,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and another, Defendants, Respondents.

11. The plaintiff in the second case, who is the Adhicar of Dakhinpat Satra, had obtained from the Raja of Assam, previous to the supremacy of the British in that province, a rent-free grant of 617 bighas of land for the purpose of the worship of an idol in that Satra. The *lakhiraj* grant was subsequently confirmed by the Revenue Commissioner of Assam in 1858, but the area was reduced on the measurement of an amin specially deputed for the purpose to 569 bighas. In 1887, the Commissioner of the Assam Valley Districts subtracted an area of 66 bighas from the plaintiff's *lakhiraj* lands and included it in a grant made to the Scottish Tea Company. The plaintiff brought this suit for a declaration of his *lakhiraj* right to the plot of land of which he was dispossessed and for possession. The Secretary of State pleaded, among other grounds, that a civil suit was barred under section 154 of the Assam Land Revenue Regulations. The Deputy Commissioner and Subordinate Judge of Lakhimpur, instead of going into the merits of the case, dismissed the suit on this ground. On remand by the Judge for trial on the merits, the same officer held that the plaintiff had been in continuous possession of the land, including the disputed plot from 1864 up to the date of the Commissioner's judgment in 1887. The decree was that the plaintiff was entitled, as against the Tea Company, to obtain settlement of the land as an adjunct to his *lakhiraj* grant, and the suit was dismissed as against the Secretary of State; but the latter was not entitled to his costs because he ought to have pleaded his non-liability at an earlier stage in the case. Ultimately the High Court set aside the order of the Lower Appellate Court in so far as it affirmed the first Court's decree directing that plaintiff should obtain settlement of the disputed land as revenue-paying land, leaving the question of its liability to assessment with revenue open as between the Secretary of State and the plaintiff, and directed that the Secretary of State should bear his own costs in the Courts below and pay the appellant's costs in the High Court. The ground for this decision was no doubt that Government, instead of merely disclaiming liability and leaving the real parties to the suit to fight the matter out between themselves, had injudiciously taken a prominent part in the earlier stages of the litigation.

12. *Lower Appellate Courts.*—The result of Government litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts during the year 1894-95, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
1. Decided in favour of Government ...	44	47	45
2. Decided against Government ...	12	7	12
3. Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	8	18	8
4. Percentage in favour of Government ...	78·5	87·03	78·9

13. The percentage of favourable decisions during the year is lower than that of the year immediately preceding, but about the same as in 1892-93.

14. Of the twelve appeals decided against Government, only five were conducted after reference to this office. In the remaining seven, no intimation of an adverse result in the Courts of first instance was sent to the Legal Remembrancer, nor was his sanction applied for either as to filing an appeal against the decisions or as to the grounds on which they were to be argued. This complete disregard of the clear and distinct rules for the conduct of civil suits and appeals fully accounts for the unfavourable results.

15. The Government was appellant in seven of these cases and respondent in the others. In only one of these cases, however, was Government plaintiff in the Lower Court, which was a rather important suit for the recovery of a penalty adjudged on account of deficiency of salt.

16. A short narrative of the cases decided against Government is given below:—

17. This suit was filed by the plaintiff for possession of char Enayetnagar in the district of Murshidabad, and for mesne profits. The plaintiff claimed the lands as a reformation in *situ* of his estate. Government in defence pleaded limitation. The Munsif decreed the suit with costs. An appeal was filed on behalf of Government on the ground that the Lower Court ought to have acted upon the settlement map, and should have held the claim to be barred by limitation. The appeal was also dismissed with costs. No second appeal was filed, as the only ground which could be urged was one of fact on which both the Lower Courts had found adversely to Government.

Murshidabad.
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Jogendra Nath Mukerjee, Plaintiff, Respondent.

18. These analogous suits were filed for the recovery of certain sums of money alleged to have been illegally realized by the Canal Department by issuing certificates on account of water alleged to have been supplied for purposes of irrigation. The plaintiffs urged that their lands had never been irrigated by canal water, and therefore they were not liable. It was urged on behalf of the Government that the suit was bad, inasmuch as no such objection had been taken before the Certificate Officer, and further that the lands had actually been benefited by the water. The Munsif of Sasaram decreed the suits. Appeals were filed on behalf of Government on the ground that the Munsif should have held that the plaintiffs were bound under section 8, clause (*b*) of Act VII (B.C.) of 1880, to confine themselves to the grounds taken in the petition of objection, and that the suits were bad for defect of parties. The appeals in both these cases were dismissed, but that in the very similar case of Anurudh Keory was decreed.

Shahabad.
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Abad Khan.

The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Alman Khan.

19. The plaintiff filed this suit for refund of rent realized from him at an enhanced rate. On the completion of the settlement of tuppeh Nickli a tahsildar was deputed to obtain the signatures of raiyats to the *jamabandi* papers in token of their acceptance of the rent assessed upon their holdings: the plaintiff being illiterate, the tahsildar stated that he signed the *jamabandi* on plaintiff's behalf and with his consent. The latter repudiated the transaction altogether, and the tahsildar, who had been dismissed for dishonesty, proved hostile and deposed in plaintiff's favour. The suit was accordingly decreed. When the question of filing an appeal was submitted to this office, both the Collector and the Government Pleader reported that there were no satisfactory grounds, and the late Legal Remembrancer, Mr. Allen, remarked as follows:—

Mymensingh.
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Lochun Das Boiragi, Plaintiff, Respondent.

"* * * I do not see the case can be appealed, but the system by which a Government tahsildar writes the names of raiyats to a *jamabandi* as accepting the rent fixed, without their consent, is one which requires your (Commissioner's) attention. Elsewhere it would be called systematic forgery."

Notwithstanding the expressed opinion of the local officers, in which the Legal Remembrancer concurred, an appeal was actually filed, of course with unsuccessful results.

20. These suits were brought by the plaintiff for a declaration of his title to, and possession of, certain rent-free lands appertaining to chars Duttabati and Sitalbati, which were surveyed and settled, notwithstanding the plaintiff's objections, as part of a Government *khas* mahal. Government pleaded that the claim of the plaintiff was barred by limitation, as the claim was not preferred within one year from the date on which his objection was disallowed, and that the lands appertained to the Government estate. The Munsif held that the land formed

Nadia.
Sitanath Chatterjee, Plaintiff, Appellant,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Respondent,
(2 cases.)

a portion of the Government estate, and that the suit was barred by limitation. After appeal to the High Court the Munsif held, on remand, that both the parcels lay within the Government *khas* mahal, and that the plaintiff had not established adverse possession for a period long enough to entitle him to plead limitation against Government, and dismissed the suits. On appeal to the District Judge, the latter held that the lands were *lakhiraj*, and that the Munsif was mistaken in considering that the plaintiff was bound to prove more than 12 years' adverse possession. After a careful analysis of the evidence the District Judge decreed the appeals and allowed mesne profits. No second appeal was filed against this decision.

21. These two suits, as well as some others which were decreed in favour of Government, were brought for the declaration of the plaintiff's title to, and possession of, certain lands alleged to belong to her own estate. The defence urged on behalf of Government was that the lands appertained to a Government estate, and not to that of the plaintiff. The sole question involved in the suits was one of fact, and the Lower Court, on the authority of the amin's report, held that the major portion of the lands claimed belonged to the plaintiff. The cases were appealed to the District Judge with the sanction of this office, but they were dismissed. No second appeal was sanctioned, as the chances of success were too small to justify the large outlay.

Pabna.
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Srimati Janhavi Chowdhrani, Plaintiff, Respondent.
(2 cases.)

22. This was a suit for setting aside a sale held in execution of a certificate issued against the plaintiff. The grounds that were urged in defence were, as usual, that the suit did not disclose any materials which could justify the Court in cancelling the certificate, and that there was no irregularity in the procedure. The Munsif dismissed the suit on the ground of limitation, but this judgment was set aside in appeal.

Jessore.
Krishna Mohan Bhattacharjea, Plaintiff, Appellant,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Respondent.

23. This suit was filed for the declaration of the Maharaja's *julkur* rights in pargana Havi. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit and gave a decree to Government in respect of the Kamla river. On appeal, the District Judge reversed the decision and also rejected the cross appeal which was filed on behalf of Government without the sanction of this office and without obtaining advice as to the line of argument to be adopted. The question of filing a second appeal was decided by the Legal Remembrancer in the negative.

Muzaffarpur.
The Maharaja of Darbhanga, Plaintiff, Appellant,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Respondent.

24. The plaintiff brought this suit for possession of certain mahals from which he had been dispossessed, and for *malikana* or proprietary allowance in respect of them. The mahals, the subject-matter of the suit, were resumed by Government in 1840 under the provisions of Regulation II of 1819, and afterwards settled with Mr. J. P. Wise, by whom they were transferred to the plaintiff's predecessors. A fresh settlement was made with the plaintiff's father; but as the resumption proceedings did not recognize the proprietary right of any one, no *malikana* was allowed by the Commissioner. The estate was ultimately brought under the *khas* (direct) management of Government. The plaintiff sued for possession and for a declaration of his proprietary rights. It was pleaded on behalf of Government that the settlement made was only a farming, and not a proprietary one, that no *malikana* was admissible, and that the claim for enforcing proprietary right was barred by limitation. The Munsif held that the plaintiff's claim was not barred by limitation, but that his status was that of a farmer and not proprietor, and dismissed the suit with costs. The Subordinate Judge, on appeal, upheld the Munsif's decision on the question of limitation; and on the merits he decided that the plaintiff had established his rights as proprietor of three of the kismats to the extent of a 10-annas share, and gave him a decree accordingly; he further directed that he was

Dacca.
Raja Rajendra Narain Roy Chowdhry, Plaintiff, Appellant,
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Defendant, Respondent.

entitled to *malikana* for the 10 annas share at 10 per cent. from the date of dispossession.

The only point that can be raised in second appeal is one of limitation as regards *malikana*, and I have just decided that it is not worth while to appeal.

25. This suit was brought by Government for the recovery of Rs. 900 from the defendants, being the penalty duty, together with interest, adjudged by the Commissioner of Revenue, Orissa Division, in respect of excess deficiency of salt manufactured by the father of the defendants and detected at the time of the clearance of the salt golahs. The suit was based upon bonds executed by the defendants' father, in which it was stipulated that any duty that may be adjudged by the Commissioner on account of any excess, or penalty duty owing to a deficiency beyond the usual allowance, should be discharged without objection within fifteen days. The defendants contended that there had been no legal adjudication within the meaning of the bond so as to enable plaintiff to maintain the suit, and that the suit is barred by limitation. The Munsif, relying upon a decision of the High Court, not reported, concluded that there had been no proper adjudication. The Subordinate Judge, on appeal, came to the same conclusion as the Munsif, and dismissed the appeal. Both the suit and the appeal were brought without any reference to this office. After the adverse decision of the Subordinate Judge, the Board of Revenue consulted me as to the preferring a second appeal. I considered that the former decision of the High Court was not in point. That decision rested mainly on the omission of the Commissioner to give the parties an opportunity of adducing evidence, and this rendered the adjudication invalid. I considered that there were fair chances of success in a second appeal, and, as the Officiating Advocate-General concurred, an appeal has been preferred. The result, whether favourable or the reverse, will enable the Board to obtain a judical interpretation of the form of the salt bond, and, if it turns out to be unsuitable for its purpose, the clauses can be remodelled. This case was noticed briefly in paragraph 38 of this office report for the last year.

Cuttack.
The Secretary of State for India in Council, Plaintiff, Appellant,
versus
Raja Baikantha Nath Dey and another, Defendants, Respondents.

26. *Courts of first instance.*—The following is the result of litigation in the Courts of first instance in which Government was concerned during the year 1894-95, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

		(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
1. Decided in favour of Government	...	336	209	110
2. Decided against Government	...	116	63	36
3. Compromised or withdrawn	...	108	46	13
4. Percentage in favour of Government	...	74·4	76·8	75·5

27. The percentage of decisions in favour of Government is nearly identical with the results of the last two years.

28. The decrease in the number of cases decided during the year is owing to the fact stated in paragraph 6 of the report, that there were very few references under the Land Acquisition Act.

29. Out of the 36 cases decided against Government, nine only were appealed against. Three of the appeals filed by Government were decided in favour and three against Government, and two have not yet been disposed of. One adverse case has been appealed to the High Court, its value being more than Rs. 10,000.

30. Of the 36 cases which were decided adversely to Government, four only were not reported to this office. In the rest, the pleadings were settled or approved of by my predecessors in office. In two only out of these cases did Government appear as plaintiff.

31. Of the cases not reported to this office, one from Burdwan—Dibakar Mukerjee *versus* Government—was for the grant of probate of a will alleged to have been executed by a prostitute, which was opposed by the Government, and the remaining three—two from Dacca and the other from Faridpur—were for compensation for goods lost in transit by the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

32. Considering that in 32 out of the 36 cases which were lost the defence was conducted on lines approved of by my predecessors, the outcome of Government litigation in Courts of first instance can hardly be said to be satisfactory. My experience is hardly sufficient to enable me to give any explanation of these indifferent results. But two causes certainly operate disadvantageously in Government litigation. One is a matter to which I shall revert later on—the very late stage at which local officers are in the habit of consulting the Legal Remembrancer, which allows of no time for the proper elucidation of points, often hurriedly and confusedly put together by a Sub-Deputy Collector or Kanungo; and the other—that enough care is not taken to carry out the procedure laid down in paragraphs 26 to 29 of the rules for the conduct of civil suits. Instead of ascertaining and committing to writing precisely what the witnesses to be examined on behalf of Government are prepared to say, too much reliance is placed on the reports of local officers who, without examining the witnesses themselves, content themselves with a vague assurance that certain facts will be established in evidence. In rent suits, for instance, it has often happened that no evidence has been forthcoming to prove prior realization of rent for the disputed lands.

33. I give below a short *résumé* of such of the cases decided against Government as are of any importance or interest.

34. This was a suit for the recovery of the surplus sale proceeds of a *patni* mahal held by the plaintiff in the *benami* of another person. The defence urged was that the money was lying at the credit of the recorded proprietors against whom the suit ought to have been filed, and that it was not maintainable against Government. The Subordinate Judge gave a decree to the plaintiff, but on an appeal being filed by Government, the appeal was allowed and the suit dismissed.

Burdwan.
Hurro Nath Mullick
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

35. This suit was by a zamindar for the recovery of damages from defendant No. 2, a chaukidar, for his omission to render service which he was bound to perform. In defence it was pleaded that the land was police *chakran*, and not *mal saranjami*, and that it was held by the defendant in lieu of his pay as a police chaukidar. This suit was originally filed in the Court of the Small Cause Court Judge at Serampore, but on motion to the High Court, the case was transferred to the Court of the Munsif within whose jurisdiction the cause of action arose, and Government was added as a defendant. The Munsif held that as the defendant admitted that he had at one time rendered service in the mal cutcherry he must be held liable for damages, and decreed the suit with costs. An appeal against this decision has been filed and is still pending.

Hooghly.
Nepal Chunder Singh
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and another.

36. This suit was filed by Government for the recovery of rent of certain *chakran* lands. The defendant pleaded that the land was not *chakran*. In this case the Munsif, in dismissing the suit, remarked that Government gave absolutely no evidence to prove prior realization of rent in respect of the disputed land. In declining to sanction an appeal in this case, my predecessor remarked that "as we are the plaintiffs we ought to have deputed better men than the chainman to point out the lands to the amin; the amin could not do better than what he had done in the absence of any of our Sub-Deputy Collectors or Surveyors."

Hooghly.
The Secretary of State for India in Council
versus
Nilmadhab Sen.

37. This was a suit for the recovery of a sum of money which was awarded to defendants other than Government as compensation for lands acquired for the East Indian Railway Company. This sum was converted into promissory notes and kept in deposit with the Comptroller-General. The plaintiff urged that the interests of the other defendants having been purchased by him, he was entitled to the money and notes. Government pleaded that, as the notes stood in the name of the other

Hooghly.
Chandra Madhab Mozumdar
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and others.

defendants, they could not be converted into cash and paid to the plaintiff except under a precept from the Civil Court. The Subordinate Judge decreed the suit in the plaintiff's favour, but awarded costs to Government.

38. This was a suit for possession of certain land of which the plaintiff had been dispossessed, or, in the alternative, for remission of revenue. Government urged that the suit was not maintainable owing to misjoinder of parties, and that the land had by mistake been settled with another man who had been asked to relinquish it. The Subordinate Judge decreed the suit, and no appeal has been filed as the only tenable grounds were very weak.

Midnapore.
Tara Prasad Roy
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

39. This was a suit for the value of certain houses destroyed in taking posssession of some land and for damages. Government admitted that the houses were destroyed under a mistake, and tendered in Court the amount considered to be due, but objected to the damages claimed. The Munsif decreed the suit *ex-parte*.

Midnapore.
Sheikh Bachoo
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

40. This suit was for declaration of title and possession of certain lands alleged to be reformation in *situ* of mauza Bharatpur after setting aside a sale held under the certificate procedure for realization of arrears of revenue. A certain portion of this mauza diluviated owing to the action of the river Mathabhanga, which afterwards reformed on its old site. The course of the river having subsequently diverged, its old bed gradually silted up and became dry. This land Government made into a separate estate as char Bharatpur and brought it under settlement. Government pleaded that the sale could not then be set aside, as the grounds taken were not urged before the Commissioner, and the Civil Court could not annul the sale; that plaintiff had no right to the silted-up bed of the river, and that he was bound by the acts of his predecessor in title. The Subordinate Judge gave a decree to the plaintiff for possession of that plot which falls within the ambit of the estate of Bharatpur according to the revenue survey map of 1854, and allowed mesne profits for the three years immediately before the institution of the suit.

Nadia.
Rajani Kant Mittra
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

Murshidabad.
Jogendra Nath Mukerjee
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

Shahabad.
Anurudh Keory
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

Abad Khan
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

Alman Khan
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

41. These cases have been noticed among the appeals decided against Government.

42. These suits were filed for setting aside sales held in default of payment of revenue and cesses. The grounds urged were, as usual, irregularity in the proceedings and non-publication of notices. The plea raised by Government denied these allegations. All these suits were decreed against Government, and no appeals have been filed against them.

Hooghly.
Champa Dasi
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council and six other cases.

In five of these cases the written statement was approved by this office. In the remaining two no defence was offered, as the sales were brought about owing to the mismanagement and carelessness of the subordinate Collectorate staff.

43. This is similar to the case of Rajani Kant Mitter of Nadia alluded to in paragraph 40. The question involved was whether a piece of char land was a reformation in *situ* of plaintiff's estate or a contiguous accretion to his estate. Government in defence claimed the same

Backergunge.
Ananda Chandra Roy
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

land as a new formation in the bed of a navigable river. It turned out that the river, described by the local officers as a navigable one, was a small stream included in the plaintiff's estate, hence the suit was decreed. No appeal was sanctioned, as the chances of success were very meagre.

44. This was a somewhat similar case to the foregoing in which he lands claimed had been diluviated by the river Padma. The Munsif gave plaintiff a decree for the greater portion of the lands claimed and dismissed the suit as regards the rest. An appeal against this decision has been filed in the High Court and is not yet disposed of.

Faridpur.
Prasanna Kumar Sen
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

45. This suit was filed for a declaratory order that the lands settled as char Inglis on a farming lease formed part and parcel of another char—Ram Kanai—to which the plaintiff had an *abadkari* right. This suit, in which the chances of success on the part of Government were small, was defended mainly in order that the extensive boundaries of char Ram Kanai, as given in the kabuliyats of the settlement-holders since the resumption proceedings, might be definitely settled by a competent Civil Court. The Subordinate Judge held that the lands in dispute formed a part of the plaintiff's leasehold property, and decreed the suit. No appeal has been filed against this decision.

Backergunge.
Girindra Mohan Chakerbati
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

46. This suit was brought for recovery of damages on account of goods lost in transit on the Eastern Bengal State Railway. The defence urged was that as the consignor had sent his goods under a "risk-note" as defined in section 72 (2) of the Indian Railways Act IX of 1890, signed and executed, the Railway administration were not liable for the damages claimed. The suit of the plaintiff was decreed with costs, but an appeal has been filed which is pending.

Noakhali.
Dip Chand Poddar
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

In connection with this suit I may observe that, as such cases were of frequent occurrence, it was thought desirable to take the opinion of the Advocate-General as to the legal validity of risk-notes, and Sir Charles Paul observed as follows:—

"If the risk-note form B has been approved of by the Governor-General in Council, which I think it is, then the sender having elected to send at the special reduced rate at his own risk cannot hold the Railway administration responsible for the loss of the goods."

After referring to some English cases he proceeded—

"In the risk-note the sender agrees and undertakes to hold the railway harmless and free from all responsibility for any loss * * * * * from any cause whatever."

The rulings reported in I. L. R., 10 Cal. F. B. 210, and I. L. R. 17 Bom. 417, govern such cases, and protect Railway Companies from all liability as to short delivery, loss in transit and the like. In the face of these decisions, I can hardly conceive how the lower Courts give judgments in favour of the plaintiff and thereby make the Railway Company pay damages and costs.

47. This was a suit for a declaration that the plaintiff was a qualified candidate for election as a Commissioner of the Municipality, that his election was valid, and that the Magistrate, in declaring the election invalid and in ordering a new election, acted in contravention of the law. The defence suggested by my predecessor, Mr. Allen, was that the "Magistrate is not a legal person, and as such could not be made a party to a civil suit," that the Civil Courts had no jurisdiction to try a case of such a nature, and that the plaintiff was not a "resident" within the meaning of section 15, Bengal Municipal Act III (B.C.) of 1884, and the rules framed thereunder. The Munsif of Chapra held that the plaintiff was a "resident" and duly qualified, but that he was not duly elected as a Commissioner, as his opponent had a majority of one, and he further held that the Magistrate had no power to set aside the election.

Saran.
Sobhapati Singh
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

The plaintiff appealed on the ground that the lower Court ought to have held that he was duly elected. The Magistrate, with the sanction of the Legal Remembrancer, filed a cross appeal, which was decreed and the suit dismissed with costs.

48. This suit was filed on behalf of Government for the possession of taluq Bayard and for the ejectment of the defendant who, it was alleged, had been holding the lands as a trespasser. The lands were said to be homestead and urban, and no occupier had ever had any permanent occupancy or transferable interest in them. The defendant stated that the plaintiff's claim was barred by limitation. The Subordinate Judge dismissed the suit and no appeal was filed.

Mymensingh.
The Secretary of State for India in Council
versus
Jagat Kishore Acharjee Chowdhury.

49. This was a suit filed by the plaintiff for setting aside a revenue sale. It was pleaded on behalf of Government that the Secretary of State had been wrongly made a party, the plaintiff having no cause of action against him, as she was not a proprietor. The Subordinate Judge decreed the suit, set the sale aside, and held that the plaintiff had a cause of action against Government, as mistakes had been made in the register by the Collector's staff, owing to which the plaintiff had been compelled to sue.

Cuttack.
Niladri Mahapatra
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

50. The conduct of this case is an illustration of what I have referred to in paragraph 32 (*supra*) as to the responsibility of the local authorities for the disadvantage at which Government is so often placed in connection with its litigation. The original case was conducted without reference to this office, and when an adverse decision was pronounced, the Collector applied for sanction to file an appeal. The papers only reached this office eight days before the last date for filing the appeal. Mr. Wilkins decided that on the evidence adduced, it would not be right to appeal. But before the letter reached Cuttack an appeal had been filed and, I understand, it was ultimately withdrawn after much unnecessary expense. For the unfortunate result of this suit, the Collector and his subordinates are largely responsible.

I wish to take this opportunity of bringing prominently to the notice of Government that this is by no means an isolated case, but that it is a matter of common occurrence for the papers to reach this office so late, that the Legal Remembrancer has often to decide important questions, on which his opinion and advice are sought, on imperfect materials and without the proper time for deliberation that the nature of the case demands. On one occasion, the papers of the case reached me after the last day for filing an appeal had expired.

In another case a notice was served on the Collector threatening a suit for the recovery of a certain estate. The notice was dated 24th September 1894, but it was not until the 19th March 1895 that the Commissioner of the Presidency Division was informed of the very important and expensive suit with which Government was threatened. It reached my office on the 23rd March, when the period of limitation had all but expired. If, as is probable, the plaint has already been filed, the suit must necessarily be defended, though the facts appear to show that the dispute was susceptible of arrangement had timely notices been given.

Rani Hemanta Kumari and Rani Sri Sundari of Putia
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

In another case a notice dated January 1894 was submitted to this office in February 1895. The Collector of Faridpur explained that "there had been correspondence for a length of time between this office and the Collector of Dacca, and the case map was ultimately received on the 24th November 1894. Subsequently the Government Pleader's opinion was asked for, on receipt of which a copy of the notice in question, together with the papers in connection with the case, was submitted to you through the Commissioner of the Division for your opinion."

Sreenath Ghose and others
versus
The Secretary of State for India in Council.

This explanation is obviously very unsatisfactory. Many other instances of unnecessary delay have occurred during the short period of my incumbency,

but sufficient illustrations have been given to make it clear that the necessity of greater expedition in seeking the advice of the law officers of the Crown, both in original and appellate cases, should be strongly impressed on local authorities.

51. There is one other matter to which I may allude as causing some inconvenience, although it applies more especially to the next branch of this report, which deals with the Court of Wards' litigation. There seems to be no uniformity of procedure as regards the channel through which communications in Government or Court of Wards' suits reach the Legal Remembrancer. Generally the Commissioner is the only intermediary between this office and the Collector, but occasionally the papers are received through the Board. The converse is not unfrequent, and I am often asked by the Board direct for advice in connection with litigation independently of the local authorities, and in apparent ignorance of my having been in communication with the Collector and Commissioner on the same subject before the Board's letter is received. As the facts specified in the different communications do not always exactly tally, the result of the double channel of communication is sometimes to cause confusion and embarrassment. I have suggested to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, unofficially, that the Board might probably find it convenient that all references, at any rate in wards' cases, might come through the Member.

52. The Board in reply admitted the inconvenience complained of, but informed me that they did not see their way to pass an order such as that suggested in all wards' law cases because of the delay involved. I understand that another objection is the extra labour that would be caused in the office. The cases on which the Board consult me at present independently of the local authorities are, however, only those of exceptional importance, where large sums of money are involved, and I should have thought it would be possible to arrange that all wards' suits, in which the amount at stake is beyond a certain figure, should ordinarily reach the Legal Remembrancer through the Board of Revenue.

I have already observed that there is hardly ever any valid reason for such delay on the part of the local authorities as would not admit of reference in important cases being made through the Board.

53. *High Court.*—The result of litigation in the High Court, in which the Court of Wards was a party during the last official year, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
1. Decided in favour of the Court of Wards ...	16	10	14
2. Decided against the Court of Wards ...	4	5	11
3. Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn ...	1	4	...
4. Percentage in favour of the Court of Wards	80	66·6	56

54. The percentage of cases decided in favour of the Court of Wards is very low as compared with that of the preceding years; but it is largely accounted for by the fact that nine of the adverse decisions are analogous and governed by two judgments. If these be calculated as one case, the percentage will rise to 82·3. These cases, from the district of Gaya, were instituted by the Tikari estate, under the management of the Court, for the recovery of arrears of rent and cesses and some other items which were specified in the kabuliyats of the tenants. These additional charges were disallowed on the ground that they were *abwabs*, and hence illegal. These cases are analogous to the case reported in paragraph 47 of this office annual report for the year 1893-94, where the facts are stated at some length. An application was made to the High Court for the admission of appeals to the Privy Council in six of these cases, but it was rejected.

55. Of the 11 adverse cases, one was an appeal from an original decree and the others were from appellate decrees. In the former, the Court was successful in the first tribunal, but as regards the latter class, it was successful in one case in both the lower Courts, and in the others, only in the lower appellate Court.

56. A short *résumé* of the cases is given below:—

57. A *patni* taluq, by name lot Shyampur, was sold at an auction sale for arrears of *patni* rent. The plaintiff, who was a four-annna shareholder, brought this suit for having the sale set aside. He urged that the sale was illegal and irregular, that notices were not served in the mufassal as required by law, and that at the time of the sale no arrear was due. These allegations were denied by the Court, on behalf of the Burdwan Raj, defendant No. 1; but it was admitted that the arrears due were paid to the cashier of the estate before the taluq was sold, and that before intimation of the payment could be sent to the Collector the estate was sold. The defendants, other than the Raj estate, further contended that the plaintiff alone, in the absence of his brothers, was not entitled to maintain the suit, and the deed of partition set up by him was false. The Subordinate Judge held that the suit as laid was maintainable, and that the notices were not published according to law. He further held that "no money was paid to the treasurer of defendant No. 1 before the sale, and that even if it was paid, such payment was not according to law, and that the suit was a collusive one." He accordingly dismissed the suit with costs. An appeal was preferred to the High Court. Some of the grounds being that the Court having found that no notices under section 8, Regulation VIII of 1819, were published, it erred in law in not setting aside the sale, and that the Court should have found that the payment by the *darpatnidar* was good and sufficient in law to prevent the sale. The High Court (Petheram, C.J., and Rampini, J.) held that the finding of the Subordinate Judge as regards service of notice was wrong, that the money having been received by the zamindar's agent before the taluq was sold, there was obviously no arrear due when the sale took place, and on this ground the plaintiff was entitled to have the sale set aside under section 14, clause 1 of Regulation VIII of 1819. The sale was accordingly set aside, and the suit decreed with costs against defendant No. 1, the Burdwan Raj.

Hooghly.

Surjanarain Mukerjee, Plaintiff, Appellant,

versus

Burdwan Raj, Defendant, Respondent.

58. These suits have already been alluded to in paragraph 54, and the facts explained at some length in last year's report.

Gaya.

Kali Prasad and others, Defendants, Appellants,

versus

Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

Kamdeo Narain Singh, Defendant, Appellant,

versus

Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

Mussamut Bahuria Jugbunshi Koer, Defendant, Appellant,

versus

Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

Raghubir Narian Singh, Defendant, Appellant,

versus

Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

Mussamut Monora Koer, Defendant, Appellant,

versus

Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

Kamdeo Narain Singh, Defendant, Appellant,

versus

Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

On second appeal, the High Court held that the Judge in trying to differentiate between the liability of a raiyat and that of a lessee had overlooked the provisions of the law which make no distinction between a raiyat and a lessee. They said that the word "tenant" in section 74 of the Bengal Tenancy Act had been held to include a lessee; and that the case upon which the District Judge had relied was virtually overruled by the Privy Council. In another portion of their judgment the learned Judges say:—

"The learned Counsel for the respondent contended that the item in question was not described as an *abwáb* or *mahtut* or any similar designation mentioned in section 74. We think, however, that the illegality of such stipulations does not depend upon, or issue from, the particular designation given to the particular payment, but arises from the fact that it is an imposition in addition to the actual rent settled between the parties. It is well known that raiyats and *ijaradars* often make presents to their landlords, but when these voluntary presents are attempted to be embodied in contracts so as to make their payment binding or obligatory, the provisions of the law step in to declare the contract illegal. The judgment of Norris and Banerjee, Judges, in second appeal, No. 47 of 1893, seems to us to be in point. In that case the kabuliyat contained a provision for the payment of *bhet* and *begar*, that is, presents and gratuious labour, which, if not paid and rendered as provided for, were to be assessed at a fixed money value and to be recoverable along with the actual rent."

Accordingly they set aside the Judge's decree, and restored that of the first court with costs.

The judgment has not yet been reported, but owing to its importance it has been thought desirable to quote from it at some length.

Gaya.
Munshi Latif Hossain and another, Defendants, Appellants,
versus
Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

Gaya.
Moulvi Mahammed Yousuff Khan, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

59. These cases are precisely similar to those first mentioned, and call for no comment.

Gaya.
Babu Ran Bahadur Singh, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Tikari Estate, Plaintiff, Respopdent.

60. The only point of interest in this case is that the High Court has held that the provisions of section 74 of the Bengal Tenancy Act as regards the illegality of *abwábs* are applicable to *ticcadars* as well as other tenants, and that the impositions referred to in that section are not realizable from a temporary lease-holder. In this case, it appears from the Munsif's judgment, the *abwábs* were consolidated with the rents.

Jessore.
Chandi Charan Das, Defendant, Appellant,
versus
Syedpur Trust Estate, Plaintiff, Respondent.

61. This suit arose out of proceedings held under Chapter X of the Bengal Tenancy Act, on the application of the Collector of Khulna as agent of the Syedpur Trust Estate. A survey and record of rights of the tenants of lot Lowjini under section 103 of the Act were effected and rents settled, with the result that the rent of the defendant was enhanced. The defendant made an application to the Collector praying for a fresh adjudication, and contended that his *jama* being a *kaimi* one, and having been created at a time previous to the decennial settlement, and held all along at a uniform rate, was not liable to enhancement. The lower Courts (the Deputy Collector and the Special Judge) decided against the applicant's contentions, but on second appeal to the High Court, it was held by O'Kinealy and Trevelyan, J.J., to be proved that the tenure-holder had held the land at the same rate from 1207 B.S., and as the presumption arises on 20 years' payment of the same rent that he had so held it from the time of the permanent settlement, he had done a great deal more than is required to raise the presumption. The appeal was accordingly decreed and the suit dismissed with costs.

62. *Lower Appellate Courts.*—The result of wards' litigation in the Lower Appellate Courts during the year 1894-95, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

		(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
1. Decided in favour of Court of Wards	...	54	36	49
2. Decided against Court of Wards	...	14	20	35
3. Compromised, withdrawn, or remanded	...	14	3	2
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	...	79·3	64·2	58·3

63. In 24 out of these 35 cases decided adversely, the Court of Wards appeared as appellant, and as respondent in the remainder.

The majority of these appeals were in suits for recovery of rent and dák and other cesses, for establishment of a right of occupancy, and for setting aside sales held under the certificate procedure. Very few, and these not of much importance, related to the possession of land. One case relating to the Burdwan Raj estate for setting aside a sale is now awaiting the result of second appeal in the High Court.

64. *Courts of First Instance.*—The following is the result of litigation in the Courts of First Instance in which the Court of Wards was a party during the year 1894-95, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

	(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
1. Decided in favour of Court of Wards ...	584	1,276	1,498
2. Decided against Court of Wards ...	55	108	169
3. Compromised or withdrawn	51	48	47
4. Percentage in favour of Court of Wards ...	91·3	92·1	89·8

65. Of the 169 cases decided adversely, the Court was plaintiff in 59 and defendant in 110 cases.

66. I can offer no explanation of this unsatisfactory result, except that a large number of the suits was brought without the sanction of this office, as they were rent and bond suits and suits of Small Cause Court nature.

67. Of these decisions, 62 relate to the Dakhin Shahbazpur estate in Backergunge, and 22 to the Khagra estate in Purnea. These cases, properly speaking, were not of the nature of regular civil suits. They arose out of execution proceedings initiated by the estates as decree-holders for attachment and sale of properties belonging to the judgment-debtors. The objections taken by the debtors were allowed by the Courts, and hence the cases are shown as decided against the Court of Wards. If these cases be excluded from the numbers shown above, the percentage of decisions in favour of the Court will rise to 94·6. As regards the rest, a large portion of the cases were filed for the recovery of dák and other cesses and of rent; and some were of a Small Cause Court nature. There were also a small number of suits for possession and other relief, none of which were of any special interest.

68. The most important of the cases decided against Wards' estates during the year under report is a suit brought by Rani Parbati Kumari against the present minor proprietor of the Jambuni estate for possession of the whole of the estate. She alleged that as the family is governed by the Dayabhag School of Hindu Law she, as the widow of the late proprietor, was entitled to succeed to the properties. It was urged by the Court of Wards, on behalf of the minor proprietor, that the family has all along been subject to the Mitakshara or Benares School of Hindu Law and, as such, the widow had no claim whatever to succeed. The Subordinate Judge decreed the suit and allowed the plaintiff to take possession of the estate as manager, and directed that the costs of the suit should be paid out of the estate. Before an appeal could be filed and execution stayed, symbolical possession of the properties was given to the decree-holder. An appeal is about to be preferred to the High Court against this decision.

Midnapore.
Rani Parbati Kumari Debi and another
versus
The minor proprietor of the Jambuni estate.

69. Another somewhat peculiar case was brought for the establishment of the plaintiff's claim to a certain allowance he formerly received under an alleged sanad, from the former proprietors of the estate, for rendering *mosahebee* service. It was alleged in defence that, as the plaintiff's services as a *mosaheb* were not required on behalf of the minor, the allowance of Re. 1-8 per month had been stopped, and that the sanad alleged to have been granted to him was spurious. The Munsif decreed the suit, but an appeal against the decision has been filed and is pending.

Bankura.
Gopal Lal Acharjee
versus
Maliara Estate under the Court of Wards.

70. The following table will show the amount of Government decrees realized during the year under report, as compared with that of the two previous years:—

	(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realization	42,017	47,190	34,726
2. Amount realized during the year ...	12,616	8,943	6,034
3. Percentage of recovery	29·5	18·9	17·3

71. Out of the balance of Rs. 28,692, Rs. 1,528 were remitted during the year as irrecoverable, thus leaving a net balance outstanding at the close of the year 1894-95 of Rs. 27,164.

The above figures indicate that the percentage of recoveries of money due under Government decrees is deteriorating year by year. I do not think any means of improving this state of affairs has been neglected by this office, but as a central supervising agency with no means of obtaining any information as to individual cases, little can be done by this office beyond attempting to stimulate the efforts of local officers.

I may advert here to the correspondence which has taken place on the subject.

As one means of securing better results, my predecessor in office, Mr. Wilkins, recommended that the Board of Revenue should undertake the control of the realization of decretal amounts due in Government and Wards' cases, and further suggested the adoption of a plan recommended by Mr. Kilby, of making some Deputy Collectors responsible in the first instance, to open a register of these Deputy Collectors, to analyse their work in order to compare the realization effected by one against those effected by the others, and to mention in the annual reports the names of those who had been the most successful and of the worst failures.

A similar suggestion was made as regards the Managers of Wards' estates.

This scheme was elaborated in this office No. 1290, dated 11th January 1895, to the Government of Bengal in the Revenue Department, and from the connected correspondence it will be observed that the Board of Revenue doubted whether anything would be gained by the transfer to them of the direct control of the work of realization of decretal amounts. The Board thought it better that any new plan that might be adopted should be carried out under the superintendence of the Legal Remembrancer.

72. The most recent phase of the subject is a suggestion by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor as to the utilization of the services of Collectorate Nazirs for the realization of Government dues, and attention was drawn to paragraph 17, page 10 of the "Rules regarding Civil Suits." While the correspondence was in progress I took charge of the office, and as I had had no opportunity of placing my views on the subject before Government, I suggested the desirability of adopting a procedure somewhat analogous to that in force under the Excise Acts, and of appointing a special officer of the rank of a Sub-Deputy Collector who would be exclusively employed in the districts where the arrears were large in endeavouring to realize the dues of Government. In reply to this, it was pointed out by Government that the outstanding balances were not so large in any particular district as to justify the entertainment of a special officer for their recovery. I venture to think this objection may be met by appointing a special officer who should be peripatetic, and who would be held responsible for the realization of the entire sum of Rs. 28,000 now due to Government. If such an officer were appointed on Rs. 100 a month with actual travelling allowances, the realization of even Rs. 2,000 would repay the expenses of his salary. He might also be employed to collect the arrears due to the Wards' estates, which are enormously large, and for this branch of his duties he might be remunerated by a percentage.

73. The Lieutenant-Governor is of opinion that the Collectorate nazir is the best agent for the work, and considers that the practice, which is said to have fallen into disuetude, should be revived of granting him a commission on his collections, and I have been directed to frame a rule prescribing that the nazir shall be the person ordinarily employed for the recovery of decretal amounts. These instructions will be carried out in connection with certain other suggestions for improving the rules regarding civil suits which I am preparing for the consideration of Government.

I must, however, take this opportunity of observing that there seems to be some misconception as to the mode in which the system has hitherto been worked. There has been of late years no alteration in practice as to the officer responsible for the collections, and the Collectorate nazir is still, as he always has been, recognized as the agent on whom the local authorities rely. What has fallen into disuetude is the payment of commission to the nazir, and this is

solely due to the fact that the nazirs are generally unsuccessful in making collections; whenever they actually succeed in effecting any realization, they invariably apply for and obtain the percentage allowed by the rule.

74. The table given below, which I have recently had prepared, will show that during the last two years only five items, amounting to Rs. 353-3-4, have been disbursed to Collectorate nazirs, and it will be seen that in four of these cases the nazir of the 24-Parganas Collectorate was the recipient:—

Rupees 70-9-0 paid to nazir of the 24-Parganas Collectorate, *vide* this office No. 32, dated 10th April 1893.

Rupees 37-9-0 paid to the nazir, Alipore Collectorate, and Heralal Ghose, *vide* this office No. 1030, dated 29th December 1893.

Rupees 79-12-9 paid to Baroda Kant Banerjee, Dacca Collectorate, *vide* this office No. 460, dated 19th July 1893.

Rupees 115-12-7 paid to nazir Peary Mohun Roy, Alipore Collectorate, and Haripada Chatterjee and Heralal Ghose, *vide* this office No. 506, dated 27th July 1894.

Rupees 49-8-0 paid to nazir, Alipore Collectorate, *vide* this office No. 1080, dated 10th December 1894.

75. I must confess I cannot see that much advantage is likely to accrue to Government from emphasizing afresh the fact that nazirs are to be held responsible for collections, when their efforts in this direction in the past have met with such scant success. I venture to think their routine work is too onerous and multifarious to allow of their devoting sufficient time to this branch of their duties. The work is really left to their subordinates, and ultimately falls into the hands of the process-servers. It is not, therefore, surprising that the results are extremely unsatisfactory.

76. There is another rule under which a percentage, amounting to as much as half of the sum recovered, is offered to persons coming forward with information leading to the realization of the decrees due from debtors, but even this stimulus appears in practice to fail, the number of instances in which applications under this rule have been made being very few.

77. In this connexion I may observe that there is another direction in which improvement is desirable. The amounts due to Government, which are practically irrecoverable, would be far less if local officers invariably instituted enquiries into the solvency of persons against whom litigation is about to be launched before filing the plaints.

78. The following districts show the heaviest outstanding balances at the close of the year:—

Hooghly.—Rupees 2,373. Out of this amount, a sum of Rs. 259 has been realized and Rs. 40 remitted. The balance, leaving aside the sum of Rs. 1,057 due from Babu Chhakun Lal Roy, whose case is still pending before the Privy Council, is almost covered by decrees which are pending in appeal. Until the appeals are decided it is not desirable to take out execution, even when no application for stay of execution has been granted by the Courts. One decree has been reported to be irrecoverable, and it will have to be remitted.

Faridpur.—Rupees 4,741. The sum outstanding at the close of the previous year was Rs. 4,090, but by the addition of decrees with interest and costs awarded during the year, the total now stands at Rs. 4,741. Out of this sum, Rs. 194 have been realized during the year under review, and Rs. 2,674 remitted, including Rs. 1,787 due from Mr. Thomas Brae. All attempts to find out the property of the debtors proved unsuccessful. They are either living on the bounty of friends and relatives or have been declared to be insolvents. Steps are being taken for the realization of the balance of Rs. 1,873.

Saran.—Rupees 2,137. One of the decrees, in the case of Sivanund Missir and others, was obtained by Government jointly with 15 co-defendants. After it had been executed, one of the judgment-debtors deposited in court Rs. 806, the full amount of the decree against them; but as the share of Government could not be ascertained except by a regular suit, and as it was obviously undesirable to go to the expense of a suit for the recovery of a sum of about Rs. 50, the amount in deposit has not been withdrawn. The other decrees have been satisfied in part, the amount realized during the year being Rs. 170. Some portion of the decrees will probably have to be remitted.

Sonthal Parganas.—Rupees 14,845. This very large sum of money is due from Tekait Ram Chandra Singh and others, and has remained uncollected

either wholly or in part for more than a year. No explanation whatever has been given as to the steps, if any, that are being taken for its realization. The annual statement of Government decrees in this district was reported by the Deputy Commissioner to be blank, and an explanation has been called for as to what has become of this large outstanding balance. No reply has yet been received.

79. The result of the realization of the Court of Wards' decrees during the year under report, as compared with that of the two previous years, is as follows:—

	(1) 1892-93.	(2) 1893-94.	(3) 1894-95.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realization ...	9,83,675	10,80,794	8,83,083
2. Amount realized during the year	1,59,690	2,00,671	1,51,139
3. Percentage of recovery ...	16·25	18·56	17·11

80. The percentage of recovery is far from satisfactory, and reveals a state of affairs which is little short of scandalous. It is perfectly obvious that the Managers of Wards' estates do not devote that energy and activity to this branch of their duties which the Government has a right to expect from them. As I have observed before, unless the local authorities give constant personal attention to the matter, there is no chance of any improvement in the realizations.

81. During the year under report the sum of Rs. 78,828 has been remitted, and the outstanding balance has been reduced to Rs. 6,53,116.

82. No returns from the estates noted in the margin have been received, and consequently the figures relating to them have not been incorporated with the sums shown above. My general statements were kept open till the 8th May, but up to that date no report was received, and it was not known whether the estates have been released from the management of the Court of Wards.

Belki	estate ...	Midnapore.
Beraberia	,, ...	
Tarkua	,, ...	
Baruttar Hinglee	,, ...	
Nayagram	,, ...	
Mohespur	,, ...	
Jambuni	,, ...	
Satkhira	,, ...	Khulna.
Sunkerpur	,, ...	Dinajpur.
Burdhankotee	,, ...	Rangpur.
Rahamatpur	,, ...	
I. C. Roy's Trust	,, ...	
Tepa	,, ...	
Hazrahati	,, ...	
Kanakshar	,, ...	Faridpur.
Hidayet Ali Chowdhry's	,, ...	Chittagong.
Jogesh Ch. Roy's	,, ...	
Rajkissen Banerjee's	,, ...	
Salamat Ali Khan's	,, ...	
Raja Haris Ch. Roy's	,, ...	
Mong Raja Keoja Phru's	,, ...	
Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhry's	,, ...	
Bhagwant Narayan Sing's	,, ...	Patna.
Koer Bhagbat Prasad's	,, ...	
Chandergurh	,, ...	Gaya.
Shewhur	,, ...	Muzaffarpur.
Paigamburpur	,, ...	
Mahiuddinagar	,, ...	
Kanika	,, ...	Cuttack.
Madhupur	,, ...	
Kujung	,, ...	
Jamkunda	,, ...	Balasore.

83. Returns regarding the Kujung estate in Cuttack, and Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhry's estate in Chittagong, were received, but the figures were incorrect, and the statements had to be returned to the Collectors concerned for rectifying the mistakes pointed out and for submission of revised ones. They have not yet been received, though it was pointed out that they must be sent to this office as soon as possible. I have been compelled, therefore, in order not to delay the report to exclude these figures from calculation.

84. The following Wards' estates show the heaviest outstanding balances against them at the close of the year:—

Burdwan: Burdwan Raj Estate.—Rupees 2,32,222. Out of this sum, Rs. 68,670 have been realized and Rs. 571 remitted. A large portion of the balance is being received by instalments. No execution has yet been taken out as regards decrees recently obtained.

Gaya: Tikari Raj Estate.—Rupees 3,18,870. Out of this sum, Rs 48,758 have been realized, and the very large sum of Rs. 44,841 remitted as irrecoverable. Rupees 1,84,361 are under execution. No execution proceedings as regards the rest have been taken pending enquiry as to the assets of the debtors. The large sum of money due from Mussammat Janki Koer is still unrealized, as an appeal against the judgment of the Subordinate Judge of Muzaffarpur has been filed in the High Court, which is pending disposal.

Darbhanga: Nurhan Estate.—The sum of Rs. 17,808 is the outstanding balance at the close of the year. During the year Rs. 4,643 have been realized. As regards the balance, execution proceedings have been taken out, and houses and other properties are being attached and sold. Rupees 6,110 are due from the maliks of Sarungpur. The number of judgment-debtors is nearly one hundred. A large sum of money has been spent, and great exertions are said to have been made for the recovery of the sum due, but to no purpose. There seems little chance of recovering the sums which has been recommended by the Manager for remission.

Bhagalpur: Sukh Raj Roy's Estate.—The sum of Rs. 17,986 is the outstanding balance at the close of the year under review; Rs. 1,181 only have been realized. The large sum of Rs. 15,000 due from Gajadhar Prasad Singh has not been realized either wholly or in part, nor has it yet been remitted. Before sanctioning the remission of so large a sum, the Manager has been asked what steps have been taken for its realization, and how he has satisfied himself that the money is irrecoverable. No reply has yet been received, though two reminders have been sent to him. Rupees 13 have since been realized from the debtor.

Purnea: Khagra Estate.—Rupees 33,851. Out of this sum, Rs. 4,257 only have been realized, but the Manager expects to show better results hereafter. Rupees 6,958 are irrecoverable and will have to be remitted. Rupees 16,603 are shown as the value of property attached, but the Manager remarks that it is in most cases of little value, some of the houses being hardly worth removal. The Manager explains that he has put a stop to the practice of instituting suits without first ascertaining whether the parties are solvent or possessed of property. This is undoubtedly a move in the right direction. It is unfortunate that this sound maxim is not more frequently observed.

85. The following table will show at a glance the names of the Wards' estates in which the realizations during the year under report have been exceptionally unsatisfactory:—

District.	Name of Estate.	Amount under realization.	Amount realized during the year.	Amount remitted.	Balance outstanding.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
24-Parganas ...	Baranagore estate ...	4,136	...	2,506	1,630
Chittagong	Magan Das Roy's estate	234	...	...	234
	Abdul Futteh Khan's estate.	119	...	...	119
	Latifa Khatun's estate	157	...	...	157
	Ram Rattan Tewari's estate.	5,130	197	...	4,933
Patna ...	Bishenpur estate ...	3,206	192	...	3,014
Gaya ...	Deo Raj „ ...	5,036	...	...	5,036
Bhagalpur ...	Sukhraj Roy's estate ...	19,167	1,181	...	17,986
Purnea ...	Khagra estate ...	38,108	4,257	...	33,851
Manbhum ...	Nagarkeari estate ...	338	...	...	338
Hazaribagh ...	Dhanwar „ ...	1,055	94	363	598
	Total ...	76,686	5,921	2,869	67,896

86. The following changes occurred in the office of District Government Pleaders during the year under report:—

Babu Ganendra Nath Bose was appointed Public Prosecutor of Champaran, *vide* Bengal Government Order No. 1808J.D., dated 9th October 1894.

This appointment became necessary under the Government notification No. 754P.D., dated 6th June 1894, restoring to Motihari the venue for the trial of Champaran Sessions cases. Formerly a local pleader used to conduct

the Sessions cases when the trials were held at Motihari, but he was never recognized as a Government Pleader.

Babu Basanti Charan Sinha was appointed Government Pleader of Muzaffarpur on the criminal side, *vice* Babu Prya Nath Mukerjee resigned, *vide* Bengal Government Order No. 965J., dated 20th February 1895. Babu Prosunno Narayan Chowdhuri was appointed Government Pleader of Pabna, *vice* Babu Girish Chunder Roy resigned, *vide* Bengal Government Order No. 1264J., dated 7th March 1895.

87. The report on the conduct and qualifications of the District Government Pleaders based on the opinions of District Judges and Magistrate-Collectors will be submitted to Government *confidentially* in a separate letter.

88. Mr. T. T. Allen was in charge of the office of Legal Remembrancer from the beginning of the last official year to the 10th of July 1894, when he went home on privilege leave for three months. During the period of his absence, Mr. C. A. Wilkins officiated for him. Mr. Allen returned on the 10th October last and remained in charge till the 13th November, when he retired on pension. Mr. Wilkins was then appointed permanently to this office, but owing to his availing himself of one month's privilege leave, I took over charge as Officiating Legal Remembrancer from Mr. Allen on the 13th November. On the 13th December, Mr. Wilkins returned and resumed charge. On the 19th March he obtained eight months' furlough, and I was again appointed to officiate for him.

89. Mr. G. C. Kilby, the Deputy Legal Remembrancer, having been granted furlough for one year on medical certificate, he made over charge of his office to Mr. Wilkins on the 19th March last, from whom I took over charge on the same day. Mr. P. L. Roy, Barrister at-Law, was appointed subsequently to act as Deputy Legal Remembrancer, and he assumed the duties of his office on the 2nd April 1895.

90. In conclusion, I have to confess my regret that it has not been found possible to submit this report on the due date. It must, I think, have been obvious from the incompleteness of the figures even now sent that the 15th May is too early to allow of the submission of a report which depends for its compilation upon the statistics furnished by local officers for the preceding official year. In order to avoid delay in the completion of the report a circular was issued to all District Officers, requesting them to submit their statements by the 15th April of every year at the latest. But experience shows that very few of the returns are punctually submitted, and in fact most of the statements, especially those relating to Wards' cases and decrees, are received towards the end of the month of April, and it will be recognized that 15 days are quite insufficient to enable the office to collate, correct, and tabulate some 200 statements. Moreover, the returns first sent are often inaccurate, and this necessitates further reference to the mufassal. The report itself cannot be commenced until the statistics on which it is based are prepared, and it has therefore to be written more hurriedly than is desirable. If the date on which the report is due were extended to the 15th June, the statistics would be more complete and accurate, and the report would embody more fully the comments and suggestions of the Legal Remembrancer on the facts and figures reviewed.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

T. D. BEIGHTON,

Offg. Supdt. and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs.

A.

Cases instituted to establish some substantial right.

	Total.	Decisions.			Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.	Compromised, withdrawn, or remanded.	
1	2	3	4	5	6

(2) Suits to establish a title to hold land rent-free or at a fixed assessment.

	No.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.	No.	Value. Rs.
High Court ...	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	17	473
Zilla appeals ...	1	1	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	47
Total ...	19	1	100	...	...	...	...	18	520

(3) Suits for land arising out of settlement proceedings.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	3	1	250	...	...	...	...	2	6,015
Total ...	3	1	250	...	...	...	...	2	6,015

(4) Suits to establish a title to engage for lands under settlement.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	37
Original suits ...	3	3	235	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4	3	235	...	...	...	...	1	37

(5) Suits to establish a title to vacant possession and properties claimed by or escheated to Government.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	165
Original suits ...	3	1	165	...	...	1	1,090	1	132
Total ...	4	1	165	...	...	1	1,090	2	297

(6) Suits for reinstatement in office from which claimants have been dismissed by local agents or other authorities.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(7) Suits for recovery of salaries, malikana, pension, fees, &c.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	454
Original suits ...	5	4	990	...	...	1	88	...	...
Total ...	6	4	990	...	...	1	88	1	454

(8) Suits for recovery of sums unjustly realized, or for the recovery of rents unduly levied, or for the recovery of receipts of rent, or for exoneration from unjust demands.

High Court ...	11	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Zilla appeals ...	5	2	1,188	2	116	...	...	1	501
Original suits ...	26	2	633	4	228	...	...	20	1,551
Total ...	42	14	1,821	6	344	...	...	22	2,052

(9) Suits for wasilat, or for the recovery of costs, or surplus collections after adjustment of account, or value of property or purchase-money.

High Court ...	2	1	2,500	...	...	...	...	1	1,419
Zilla appeals ...	3	2	10	...	...	...	...	1	1,057
Original suits ...	21	4	2,082	6	13,364	3	425	8	2,247
Total ...	26	7	4,592	6	13,364	3	425	10	4,723

(10) Suits to obtain possession of land, estates or other property, or for the recovery of rents or bond debts.

High Court ...	33	6	12,292	1	668	3	1,527	23	3,78,110
Zilla appeals ...	47	21	10,664	7	2,634	1	60	18	13,298
Original suits ...	96	26	25,902	8	16,552	4	7,105	58	4,00,772
Total ...	176	53	48,858	16	19,854	8	8,692	99	7,92,180

(11) Suits in which Government is made a defendant *pro formâ*.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	188
Total ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	188

(12) Probate cases.

High Court ...	8	2	...	...	...	...	...	6	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Total ...	9	2	...	...	...	1	...	6	...

B.

Cases instituted to obtain redress from official acts.

	Total.	Decisions.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.		
1	2	3	4	5	6

(2) Suits for reversal of revenue sales on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

	No.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
			Rs.		Rs.		Rs.		Rs.
High Court ...	5	...	...	...	...	1	10,000	4	50,001
Zilla appeals ...	7	6	3,602	...	...	...	...	1	2,030
Original suits ...	21	9	56,309	4	7,180	1	226	7	56,107
Total ...	33	15	59,911	4	7,180	2	10,226	12	1,08,138

(3) Suits for reversal of sales in execution of decrees on the plea of informality, non-liability, &c.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	3	1	...	1	130	1	300	...	...
Original suits ...	22	11	16,366	4	2,165	...	...	7	28,626
Total ...	25	12	16,366	5	2,295	1	300	7	28,626

(4) Suits for reversal of sales of property pledged as security on the plea that the property sold was not liable, or on other pleas.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(5) Suits to stay revenue sales in execution of decrees or sales of property pledged as security.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(6) Suits of third partie advancing claims to land or moveable property attached or sold by Government as belonging to others.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(7) Suits improperly instituted against officers in their official capacity over which the Civil Court has no jurisdiction.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	2	1	1,200	1	1,000	...	...	...	...
Total ...	2	1	1,200	1	1,000	...	...	...	...

(8) Suits to contest order reversing sales, or regarding confirmation or quashing of butwarrah or the imposition of fines.

High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Zilla appeals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Original suits ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(9) Suits for damages on account of acts done by Revenue or other officers.

High Court ...	3	2	3,000	...	...	...	...	1	1,131
Zilla appeals ...	8	4	252	...	...	...	...	4	716
Original suits ...	29	16	5,483	4	924	1	55	8	5,542
Total ...	40	22	8,735	4	924	1	55	13	7,389

C.

Cases in which Government is plaintiff.

	Total.	Decisions.		Withdrawn, compromised, or remanded.	Pending.
		Favourable.	Unfavourable.		
1	2	3	4	5	6
(2) Suits to establish a title to assess or levy enhanced assessment.					
	No.	No. Value. Rs.	No. Value. Rs.	No. Value. Rs.	No. Value. Rs.
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	2	... ...	1 62	1 500	... ...
Original suits ...	2	... ...	... ...	... ...	2 5,479
Total ...	4	... ...	1 62	1 500	2 5,479
(3) Suits for recovery of sums misappropriated from defaulters or their sureties.					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Original suits ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
(4) Suits for refund of money paid to parties not entitled to it.					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Original suits ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
(5) Suits for recovery of sums from parties or their sureties for non-fulfilment of contracts.					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Original suits ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
(6) Suits for possession of land, or for recovery of debt, or for damages.					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	5	3 2,115	... ...	... ...	2 523
Original suits ...	20	5 2,765	1 5	1 2,556	13 1,27,587
Total ...	25	8 4,880	1 5	1 2,556	15 1,28,110
(7) Suits to impose fines for the infraction of salt laws.					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	2	... ...	1 900	... ...	1 701
Original suits ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	2	... ...	1 900	... ...	1 701
(8) Land Acquisition cases under Act X of 1870.					
High Court ...	5	1 792	1 2,852	... ...	3 6,905
Zilla appeals ...	1	... ...	... ...	1 2,000	... ...
Original suits ...	26	23 25,356	... ...	1 177	2 5,515
Total ...	32	24 26,148	1 2,852	2 2,177	5 12,420
(9) Interpleader suits under section 470, Act XIV of 1882.					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Original suits ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
(10) Cases under section 537 of the Civil Procedure Code. (Act XIV of 1882.)					
High Court ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Zilla appeals ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Original suits ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...
Total ...	...	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...

D.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which Government is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1894-95.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	ORIGINAL SUITS												APPEAL SUITS								
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR								
				In favour of Government.		Against Government.		Compromised.		Withdrawn.												
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1894.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.	Total.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Cases in which Government is plaintiff.	Cases in which Government is defendant.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1895.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1894.	Number of appeals instituted from the 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.	Total.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Cases in which Government is appellant.	Cases in which Government is respondent.	Remanded.	Total decided.	Pending on the 31st March 1895.	Number of cases in which Government was cast twice.
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(a) 52	29	81	1	17	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	3	24	57	...
Burdwan ...	4	10	14	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	5	9	...	2	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Birbhum ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bankura ...	5	5	10	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	5	3	6	9	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	...
Midnapore ...	8	16	24	1	14	...	4	...	...	...	...	19	5	1	4	5	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	..
Hooghly ...	3	7	10	...	1	1	3	...	1	...	...	6	4	1	3	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	...
24-Parganas ..	16	17	33	16	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	19	14	5	...	5	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...
Nadia ...	2	2	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	2	1	3	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Murshidabad ...	3	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	4	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	1
Jessore ...	2	6	8	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	4	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Khulna ...	4	3	7	...	4	...	...	...	...	1	...	5	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Rajshahi ...	1	2	3	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Dinajpur ...	Statement not received.																												
Jalpaiguri ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur ...	...	1	1	.	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Bogra ...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pabna ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	11	...	11	...	9	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	2	...
Dacca ...	7	10	17	1	3	...	6	...	1	...	...	11	6	3	...	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...
Mymensingh ...	15	13	28	...	10	1	1	...	...	...	...	12	16	1	3	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	1	...
Faridpur ...	9	9	18	...	5	...	2	...	1	...	...	8	10	1	2	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...
Backerguuge ...	5	4	9	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	4	5	2	1	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...
Tippera ...	19	2	21	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	19	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...
Noakhali ...	...	6	6	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	2	4	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
Chittagong ...	6	19	25	...	12	...	1	...	1	...	...	14	11	2	7	9	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	8	1	...	...
Patna ...	3	...	3	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Gaya ...	1	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Shahabad ...	7	4	11	...	3	...	4	...	1	...	...	8	3	2	4	6	1	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2	...
Saran ...	(b) 3	1	4	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	3	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	2	...	...
Champaran ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	5	4	9	1	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	7	2	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...
Darbhanga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur ..	1	1	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Malda ...	...	3	3	1	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sonthal Parganas..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	...	3	3	...	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	1
Balasore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lohardaga ...	1	1	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Palamau ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhum ...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Singhbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	134	154	288	23	87	2	34	...	11	1	1	159	129	91	80	171	8	55	7	7	...	2	...	...	...	6	85	86	7

(a) The difference of one case is owing to Government not having entered appearance in it.
(b) The difference of two cases is owing to the statement of cases decided at Buxar not having been received.

E.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Revenue Department from 1*st April* 1894 *to* 31*st March* 1895.

Division.	District.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Government in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	235	...	...	235	46	211	616	...	...	873
	Birbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bankura	214	...	...	214	...	21	78	...	164	263
	Midnapore	163	...	...	163	8	1,331	75	...	172	1,586
	Hooghly	255	...	4	259	17	99	83	...	134	333
Presidency	24-Parganas	187	...	...	187	263	1,691	17	...	93	2,064
	Nadia	...	...	...	...	...	71	...	...	20	91
	Murshidabad	...	...	...	...	...	...	650	...	...	650
	Jessore	Statement not received.									
	Khulna	140	...	...	140	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi	Rajshahi	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
	Dinajpur	341	...	...	341	...	...	35	...	...	35
	Jalpaiguri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna	...	...	...	...	921	...	248	...	21	1,190
Dacca	Dacca	140	...	26	166	...	24	299	...	233	556
	Mymensingh	64	...	...	64	207	925	349	...	...	1,481
	Faridpur	187	...	6	193	44	280	885	...	1,730	2,939
	Backergunge	790	...	...	790	1,110	301	300	...	886	2,597
Chittagong	Tippera	2,059	...	...	2,059	...	71	47	...	735	853
	Noakhali	505	...	...	505	...	26	114	...	...	140
	Chittagong	Statement not received.									
Patna	Patna	12	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	88	88
	Gaya	...	...	...	...	...	107	210	...	3	320
	Shahabad	344	...	...	344	74	...	...	...	1	75
	Saran	170	...	...	170	...	...	75	...	...	75
	Champaran	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Muzaffarpur	Statement not received.									
	Darbhanga	...	...	...	...	118	229	83	...	...	430
Bhagalpur	Monghyr	Statements not received.									
	Bhagalpur										
	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Malda	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	1	14
	Sonthal Parganas	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Puri	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	41	41
Chota Nagpur.	Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lohardaga	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Palamau	192	...	...	192	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manbhum	...	...	..	...	...	...	5	...	2	7
	Singhbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	5,998	...	36	6,034	2,808	5,387	4,184	...	4,324	16,703

F.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with sums actually realized by Government under decrees of Court in the Salt and Opium Departments from 1*st April* 1894 *to* 31*st March* 1895.

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G.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Revenue Department was realized and what was outstanding on 1st April 1895.

Division.	District.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1894.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.			Total.			Realized during 1894-95.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net Balance.		
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan	210	...	...	508	3	...	718	3	...	232	3	...	486	...	...	...	...	...	486	...	...
	Bankura	100	(a)9	12	247	9	7	347	18	19	195	7	12	152	11	7	63	3	...	89	8	7
	Birbhum	...	...	...	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...
	Midnapore	136	1	46	3,317	3	55	3,453	4	101	129	4	30	3,324	...	71	30	...	7	3,294	...	64
	Hooghly	1,776	...	2	546	17	32	2,322	17	34	220	17	22	2,102	...	12	38	...	2	2,064	...	10
Presidency	24-Parganas	885	...	67	1,702	...	5	2,587	...	72	182	...	5	2,405	...	67	...	...	...	2,405	...	67
	Khulna	7	...	87	249	...	7	256	...	94	140	...	...	116	...	94	11	...	...	105	...	94
	Nadia	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jessore	Statement not received.																				
	Murshidabad	65	...	(b)697	414	...	...	479	...	697	...	...	...	479	...	697	...	...	697	479	...	...
Rajshahi	Dinajpur	...	...	282	...	...	59	...	...	341	...	...	341	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rajshahi	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rangpur	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna	...	26	1,310	...	27	...	...	53	1,310	...	...	...	...	53	1,310	...	...	...	...	53	1,310
	Darjeeling	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Jalpaiguri	378	...	...	...	...	...	378	...	...	...	...	...	378	...	...	...	...	...	378	...	...
Dacca	Dacca	976	...	64	9	...	49	985	...	113	115	...	51	870	...	62	107	...	...	763	...	62
	Faridpur	3,945	...	145	247	...	403	4,192	...	548	193	...	...	3,999	...	548	...	...	...	3,999	...	548
	Backergunge	278	(c)57	...	938	17	16	1,216	74	16	716	74	...	500	...	16	...	...	...	500	...	16
	Mymensingh	291	...	8	423	86	61	714	86	69	20	1	43	694	85	26	...	...	...	694	85	26
Chittagong	Tippera	859	12	381	1,134	18	550	1,993	30	931	1,448	30	581	545	...	350	...	...	...	545	...	350
	Noakhali	457	...	...	...	...	48	457	...	48	457	...	48	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Chittagong	Statement not received.																				
Patna	Patna	932	...	12	2,224	135	...	3,156	135	12	12	...	...	3,144	135	12	...	...	.	3,144	135	12
	Gaya	913	79	55	...	42	...	913	121	55	...	...	...	913	121	55	340	31	...	573	90	55
	Shahabad	873	...	...	103	...	...	976	...	...	344	...	...	632	...	...	...	...	...	632	...	...
	Darbhanga	986	...	48	...	...	...	986	...	48	...	...	...	986	...	48	...	...	...	986	...	48
	Muzaffarpur	Statement not received.																				
	Saran	1,938	86	57	32	2	28	1,970	82	85	152	...	18	1,818	82	67	...	...	...	1,818	82	67
	Champaran	Statement not received.																				
Bhagalpur	Monghyr	Statements not received.																				
	Bhagalpur																					
	Purnea	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Malda	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sonthal Parganas	Statement returned for correction, not yet received back.																				
Orissa	Cuttack	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore	809	3	...	...	49	...	809	52	...	...	...	...	809	52	...	...	...	...	809	52	...
	Puri	...	...	199	...	...	...	...	...	199	...	...	...	...	...	199	...	...	199	...	...	...
Chota Nagpur	Hazaribagh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lohardaga	94	...	10	...	...	...	94	...	10	...	...	...	94	...	10	...	...	...	94	...	10
	Palamau	...	...	...	225	...	...	225	...	...	192	...	...	33	...	...	...	...	...	33	...	...
	Manbhum	...	...	...	18	...	2	18	...	2	...	...	...	18	...	2	...	...	...	18	...	2
	Singhbhum	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total	16,908	267	3,482	12,339	408	1,322	29,247	675	4,804	4,747	136	1,151	24,500	539	3,653	589	34	905	23,911	505	2,748

(a) The difference of Rs. 18 is owing to an error in calculating the interest in the Collector's statement for the last year.
(b) The difference is owing to the exclusion of Rs. 9, which was included twice over in the Collector's statement for the last year through an over right.
(c) This amount was taken into account after disposal of appeal.

H.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in the Salt and Opium Departments was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1895.

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I.

General Abstract Statement of Suits in the Civil Courts of Bengal in which the Court of Wards is a party disposed of and pending in the year 1894-95.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	ORIGINAL SUITS									APPEAL SUITS										
				DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.									DECIDED WITHIN THE YEAR.							
				In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.						In favour of Court of Wards.	Against Court of Wards.	Compromised.	Withdrawn.	Remanded.			
NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1894.	Number of suits instituted from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is plaintiff.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is defendant.	Total decided.	Number of suits pending on the 31st March 1895.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1894.	Number of appeals instituted from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.	Total.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Cases in which Court of Wards is appellant.	Cases in which Court of Wards is respondent.	Total decided.	Number of appeals pending on the 31st March 1895.	Number of cases in which Court of Wards was cast twice
High Court ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28*	20	48	2	12	...	11	...	...	...	...	25	23	...
Burdwan ...	74	311	385	326	4	10	1	...	...	5	10	15	4	3	1	1	...	...	...	...	9	6	1
Birbhum ...	...	13	13	5	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
Bankura ...	48	233	281	190	2	13	3	...	1	...	...	209	72	16	10	26	1	7	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	14	12	4
Midnapore ...	(a) 10	144	154	111	1	4	1	2	...	5	...	124	30	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Hooghly ...	21	139	160	120	...	10	2	5	...	...	...	137	23	2	7	9	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	7	2
24-Parganas ...	10	31	41	26	4	...	2	1	...	...	...	33	8	4	5	9	...	1	3	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	6	3	3
Nadia ...	(b) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Jessore ...	(b) ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Khulna ...	...	13	13	7	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	9	4	...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...
Murshidabad ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(b) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rajshahi ...	(b) ...	4	4	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dinajpur ...	(c) 1	16	17	14	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	15	2	...	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	...
Jalpaiguri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rangpur ...	...	4	4	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bogra ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pabna ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mymensingh ...	(d) ...	5	5	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	4	(e) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Faridpur ...	(d) 1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	(d) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Backergunge ...	11	89	100	22	2	1	62	...	1	...	2	90	10	...	5	5	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	...
Chittagong ...	5	15	20	1	5	1	3	...	...	...	...	10	10	(f) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tippera ...	(f) 14	23	37	2	15	...	2	...	...	...	1	20	17	2	1	3	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	...
Noakhali ...	5	17	22	4	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	12	10	1	5	6	4	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	1
Patna ...	(g) ...	65	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	65	(g) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gaya ...	(h) 8	86	94	69	4	1	2	1	...	...	...	77	17	(h) ...	14	14	1	8	...	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	13	1	...
Saran ...	...	83	83	79	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	81	2	...	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...
Shahabad ...	(h) ...	89	89	52	...	1	1	...	...	7	...	61	28	...	10	10	6	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	2
Champaran ...	(h) ...	71	71	61	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	62	9	(i) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muzaffarpur ...	(i) 6	145	151	133	2	3	2	7	...	...	1	148	3	1	5	6	...	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	2
Darbhanga ...	...	12	12	8	3	...	...	...	1	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Monghyr ...	...	17	17	13	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	14	3	(j) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bhagalpur ...	1	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
Purnea ...	(k) 62	103	165	116	3	8	22	5	...	...	...	154	11	...	4	4	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...
Malda ...	...	9	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sonthal Parganas ...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	(l) ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cuttack ...	1	4	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh ...	15	31	46	39	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	41	5	1	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Lohardaga ...	18	40	58	30	...	...	3	...	...	1	1	35	23	16	13	29	...	2	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	20	7
Palamau ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhum ...	1	6	7	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Singhbhum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	312	1,820	2,132	1,445	53	59	110	26	3	13	5	1,714	418	77	124	200	22	41	24	22	...	1	...	1	...	...	111	89	24

* The difference of one case is owing to no appearance having been entered therein.
(a) The difference is owing to statements on account of many estates in the district not having been received.
(b) The Dighapatia Estate having been released the cases have not been accounted for.
(c) The statement for Sunkerpore Estate has not been received, hence the difference.
(d) The difference is owing to the Haturia Estate having been released from the management of the Court of Wards.
(e) The appeal pending from last year has not been accounted for.
(f) The discrepancy is owing to one appeal case having been inadvertently shewn among the original cases.
(g) The pending cases, both original and appeal, have not been accounted for.
(h) The discrepancy is owing to the pending cases not having been accounted for by the Manager.
(i) The difference is owing to the statements of Shewhur and Mahiuddinnagar Estates not having been received.
(j) The difference is owing to the appeal case pending from last year not having been accounted for.
(k) One case relating to Maldwar Estate was not shewn in the last year's return, hence the difference.
(l) The difference is owing to the Shahabandar Estate having been released from the hands of the Court of Wards.

J.

Statement showing the amount expended in litigation as contrasted with the sums actually realized by the Court of Wards under decrees of Court from 1*st April* 1894 *to* 31*st March* 1895.

Districts.	Names of Estates.	Nature of Receipts.				Nature of Disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan ...	Burdwan Raj estate ...	54,104	...	14,566	68,670	3,780	27,116	7,068	...	676	38,640
Bankura ...	Maliara estate	1,419	...	...	1,419	...	1,472	320	...	1,367	3,159
Midnapore	Belki estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Beluria ,, ...	Released.									
	Beraberia ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Pathra ,, ...	Released.									
	Tarkua ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Malighati ,, ...	1,762	...	...	1,762	38	64	3	...	173	278
	Khettrohat ,, ...	Released.									
	Basudebpur ,, ...										
	Barutter Hinglee ,, ...										
	Nayagram ,, ...	Statements not received.									
	Mohespur ,, ...										
	Sujamutta ,, ...	621	...	38	659	...	178	...	...	...	178
	Jambuni ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	2,383	...	38	2,421	38	242	3	...	173	456
24-Parganas	Baranagore estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66	...	74	140
	Bhawanipur (Baroda Prasad Roy's) estate.	1,225	...	...	1,225	552	1,972	37	...	5,415	7,976
	Joynagore estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	1,225	...	...	1,225	552	1,972	103	...	5,489	8,116
Murshidabad.	Kassimbazar (A. N. Roy's) estate.	1,309	...	...	1,309	17	5,543	510	...	1,811	1,881
Khulna ...	Syudpur Trust estate ...	170	...	...	170	279	3,862	124	...	...	4,265
	Satkhira ,, ...	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	170	...	...	170	279	3,862	124	...	...	4,265
Rajshahi ...	Dighapatia estate ...	Released.									
	Talanda ,, ...	98	...	...	98	...	64	2	...	...	66
	Total ...	98	...	...	98	...	64	2	...	...	66
Dinajpur ...	Sunkerpur estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Maldwar ,, ...	835	...	...	835	16	232	...	...	...	248
	Total ...	835	...	...	835	16	232	...	...	...	248
Jalpaiguri	Pudmabati estate ...	Released.									
Rangpur	Burdhunkotee estate ...	Statements not received.									
	Rahamatpur ,, ...										
	Tepa ,, ...										
	I. C. Roy's Trust ,, ...										
	Hazrahati ,, ...										
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Faridpur ...	Kanakshar estate ...	Statement returned for correction, not yet received back.									
Backergunge.	Dakhin Shahbazpur estate.	29	...	1,406	1,435	92	878	1,662	...	...	2,632
	K. M. Roy's estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Anunda Chander Roy's estate.	673	...	2,958	3,631	28	1,577	...	...	...	1,605
	Haturia estate	Released.									
	Lucas' estate	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	...	...	7
	Total ...	702	...	4,364	5,066	120	2,462	1,662	...	...	4,244
Noakhali	Girindra Kumar Mozumdar and Shoshi Mukhi's estate.	255	...	...	255	...	157	93	...	43	293
	Courjon estate	18	...	351	369	...	319	301	...	59	679
	Panameah's estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bhabanjoy Shaha's estate.	302	...	111	413	...	52	17	...	193	262
	Total ...	575	...	462	1,037	...	528	411	...	295	1,234

Districts.	Names of Estates.	Nature of receipts.				Nature of disbursements.					
		Decrees in civil suits.	Decrees in Privy Council appeals.	Decrees in miscellaneous cases.	Total.	Amount, including costs, awarded against Court of Wards in regular suits.	In prosecution of suits.	In defence of suits.	In Privy Council appeals.	Miscellaneous expenses.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chittagong	Hidayet Ali Chowdhuri's estate.	Statement not received.									
	Magan Das Roy's estate	...	...	...	...	124	...	...	...	...	124
	Jogesh Chandra Roy's estate.	Statements not received.									
	Raj Kissen Banerjee's estate.										
	Salamat Ali Khan's estate.										
	Abdul Fateh Khan's estate.	...	...	...	...	813	400	...	...	...	1,213
	Latifa Khatoon's estate	...	...	...	...	32	...	...	...	...	32
	Raja Harish Chandra Roy's estate.	Statements not received.									
	Mong Raja Keoja Phru's estate.										
	Muzzaffar Ahmed Chowdhuri's estate.	Statement returned for correction, not received back as yet.									
	Ram Ratan Tewari's estate.	197	...	...	197	...	1,971	...	...	...	1,971
	Surendro Bejoy Roy's estate.	1,885	...	...	1,885	12	26	...	...	...	38
	Total ...	2,082	...	...	2,082	981	2,397	...	...	...	3,378
Patna ...	Bhagwant Narain Singh's estate.	Statements not received.									
	Koer Bhugbat Persad's estate.										
	Hurdi estate	...	...	...	...	130	16	133	...	...	279
	Bishunpur estate ...	192	...	...	192	...	95	125	...	...	220
	Total ...	192	...	...	192	130	111	258	...	...	499
Gaya ...	Tikari Raj estate ...	48,758	...	...	48,758	225	10,898	276	...	369	11,768
	Deo Raj estate	...	...	...	...	...	430	...	...	...	430
	Chandergarh estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	48,758	...	...	48,758	225	11,328	276	...	369	12,198
Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	5,132	...	...	5,132	...	3,026	18	...	22	3,066
	Sabar estate	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	5,132	...	...	5,132	...	3,026	18	...	22	3,066
Muzaffarpur	Shewhar estate	Statement not received.									
Darbhanga	Nurhan estate	4,643	...	...	4,643	274	...	...	...	...	274
	Paigumberpur estate ...	Statements not received.									
	Mahiuddinagar estate										
	Total ...	4,643	...	...	4,643	274	...	...	...	...	274
Bhagalpur	Lugma estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Sukhraj Roy's estate ...	1,181	...	...	1,181	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	1,181	...	...	1,181	...	...	...	...	...	...
Purnea ...	Khagra estate	...	...	4,257	4,257	...	1,676	294	...	1,108	3,078
Cuttack	Kanika estate	Statement not received.									
	Kujang ,, ...	Statement returned for correction and explanation, but not yet received back.									
	Madhupur estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puri ...	Ward's estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Balasore ...	Jamkunda estate ...	Statement not received.									
	Shahabandar ,, ...	Released.									
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manbhum ...	Jhalda estate	...	...	...	...	...	227	20	...	...	247
	Jheria ,, ...	Released.									
	Begoonkoodar estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	20	3,207	...	...	3,227
	Nagarkeari ,, ...	...	...	...	...	...	174	...	...	...	174
	Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	421	3,227	...	...	3,648
Palamau ...	Punjrikallan estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hazaribagh	Dhunwar estate... ...	...	...	94	94	...	...	...	...	1,914	1,914
	Satgaon and other encumbered estates.	3,213	...	...	3,213	...	1,367	...	...	234	1,601
	Total ...	3,213	...	94	3,307	...	1,367	...	...	2,148	3,515
	Grand Total ..	1,28,021	...	23,781	1,51,802	6,412	63,819	14,276	...	13,458	97,965

K.

General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Court of

Division.	District.	Names of Estates.	Outstanding on 1st April 1894.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs. (a)	Rs. (a)	Rs. (a)	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan.	Burdwan	Burdwan Raj estate...	1,51,940	25,227	12,316	77,149	17,462	17,369	2,29,089	42,689	29,685
	Midnapore	Belki estate...									Statement
		Beluria ,, ...									(Re
		Beraberia ,, ...									Statement
		Pathra ,, ...									(Re
		Tarkua ,, ...									Statement
		Malighati ,, ...	547	...	528	1,572	...	220	2,119	...	748
		Khettrohat ,, ...									(Re
		Basudebpur ,, ...									(Re
		Barutter Hinglee ,, ...									
		Nayagram ,, ...									Statements
		Moheshpur ,, ...									
		Sujamutta ,, ...	1,334	315	540	852	18	173	2,186	333	713
		Jambuni ,, ...									Statement
		Total ...	1,881	315	1,068	2,424	18	393	4,305	333	1,461
Presidency.	Bankura	Maliara estate ...	...	...	...	20,965	4,119	2,060	20,965	4,119	2,060
	24-Parganas	Baranagore estate ...	...	...	...	3,753	230	153	3,753	230	153
		Bhawanipur (Boroda Prosad Rai's) estate.	4,993(b)	306(b)	673(b)	4,902	744	1,007	9,895	1,050	1,680
		Joynagore estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	4,993	306	673	8,655	974	1,160	13,648	1,280	1,833
	Murshidabad	Kassimbazar (A. N. Roy's) estate.	2,143	234	76	4,698	298	138	6,841	527	214
	Khulna	Syudpur Trust estate	...	...	266	475	...	178	475	...	444
		Satkhira ,,									Statement
		Total ...	...	...	266	475	...	178	475	...	444
Rajshahi.	Rajshahi	Talanda estate ...	198	33	15	240	...	17	438	33	32
		Dighapatia ,, ...									(Re
		Total ...	198	33	15	240	...	17	438	33	32
	Dinajpur	Sunkerpur estate ...									Statement
		Maldwar ,, ...	667	443	233	799	210	256	1,466	653	489
		Total ...	667	443	233	799	210	256	1,466	653	489
	Jalpaiguri	Pudmabati estate ...									(Re
	Rangpur	Burdhunkotee estate...									
		Rahamatpur ,, ...									
		I. C. Roy's Trust ,, ...									Statements
		Tepa estate									
		Hazrahati estate ...									
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dacca.	Faridpur	Kamakshar estate ...									Statement returned for correction.
	Backergunge	Dakhin Shahbazpur estate.	1,051	587	412	...	52	436	1,051	639	848
		K. M. Roy's estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Ananda Chunder Roy's estate.	...	...	...	13,454	3,328	4,354	13,454	3,328	4,354
		Haturia estate ...									(Re
		Lucas' ,, ...	...	...	...	64	24	27	64	24	27
		Total ...	1,051	587	412	13,518	3,404	4,817	14,569	3,991	5,229
Chittagong.	Noakhali	Girindra Kumar Mazumdar and Shoshimukhi's estate.	234	37	68	390	64	87	624	101	155
		Courjon estate ...	...	...	34	...	11	406	...	11	440
		Panameah's estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Bhabanjoy Shaha's estate.	352	396	653	233	234	141	585	630	794
		Total ...	586	433	755	623	309	634	1,209	742	1,389

(a) The difference, Rs. 1,907, is owing to some decrees
(b) The difference is owing to revision

Wards in the Revenue Department was realized, and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1895.

REALIZED DURING 1894-95.			BALANCE.			REMITTED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY.			NET BALANCE.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
48,132	10,579	9,959	1,80,957	32,110	19,726	153	345	73	1,80,804	31,765	19,653
not received.											
leased).											
not received.											
leased).											
not received.											
1,327	...	435	792	...	313	...	...	...	792	...	313
leased).											
leased).											
not received.											
516	55	88	1,670	278	625	32	...	...	1,638	278	625
not received.											
1,843	55	523	2,462	278	938	32	...	...	2,430	278	938
1,230	74	115	19,735	4,045	1,945	...	...	...	19,735	4,045	1,945
...	...	...	3,753	230	153	2,269	230	7	1,484	...	146
1,061	74	90	8,834	976	1,599	1,681	...	120	7,153	976	1,470
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,061	74	90	12,587	1,206	1,743	3,950	230	127	8,637	976	1,616
1,130	24	155	5,711	503	59	101	49	9	5,610	454	50
...	...	170	475	...	274	...	...	97	475	...	177
not received.											
...	...	170	475	...	274	...	...	97	475	...	177
96	2	...	342	31	32	117	...	8	225	31	24
eased).											
96	2	...	342	31	32	117	...	8	225	31	24
not received.											
292	468	75	1,174	185	414	...	...	...	1,174	185	414
292	468	75	1,174	185	414	...	...	...	1,174	185	414
leased.)											
not received.											
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
but not yet received back.											
606	527	302	445	112	546	445	111	...	...	1	546
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,854	113	1,665	11,600	3,216	2,689	419	124	137	11,181	3,092	2,552
eased.)											
...	...	...	64	24	27	...	...	...	64	24	27
2,460	639	1,967	12,109	3,352	3,262	864	235	137	11,245	3,117	3,125
197	...	58	427	101	97	...	...	...	427	101	97
...	11	358	...	...	82	...	...	...	...	...	82
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
125	27	261	460	603	533	161	338	355	299	265	178
322	38	677	887	704	712	161	338	355	726	366	357

having been included in instalment bond.
of judgments on appeal.

Divisions.	Districts.	Names of Estates.	Outstanding on 1st April 1894.			Awarded in favour of Court of Wards from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.			Total.		
			Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Chittagong.	Chittagong	Hidayet Ali Chowdhri's estate.									Statement
		Magan Das Roy's estate.	210	6	15	...	1	2	210	7	17
		Jogesh Chandra Roy's estate.									
		Rajkissen Banerjee's estate.									Statements
		Salamat Ali Khan's estate.									
		Abdul Fateh Khan's estate.	114	3	2	...	...	...	114	3	2
		Latifa Khatoon's estate.	153	1	3	...	...	...	153	1	3
		Raja Harish Chandra Roy's estate.									
		Mong Raja Keoja Phru's estate.									Statements
		Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhry's estate.									Statement returned for correction,
		Ram Ratan Tewari's estate.	...	...	...	5,043	39	48	5,043	39	48
		Surendra Bejoy Roy's estate.	1,378	34	246	5,101	94	218	6,479	128	464
		Total ...	1,855	44	266	10,144	134	268	11,999	178	534
Patna.	Patna	Bhagwant Narain Singh's estate.									
		Koer Bhagbat Prosad's estate.									Statements
		Hurdi estate	...	...	...	73	3	...	73	3	...
		Bishunpur estate ...	1,744	...	1,186	87	189	...	1,831	189	1,186
		Total ...	1,744	...	1,186	160	192	...	1,904	192	1,186
	Gaya	Tikari Raj estate ...	1,83,100	28,616	7,502	89,785	8,532	1,335	2,72,885	37,148	8,837
		Deo Raj ,, ...	...	...	102	4,075	421	438	4,075	421	540
		Chandergurh ,, ...									Statement
		Total ...	1,83,100	28,616	7,604	93,860	8,953	1,773	2,76,960	37,569	9,377
	Shahabad ...	Deo Kumar and Dharam Kumar's estate.	25,776	8,062	13,578	10,415	2,578	3,048	36,191	10,640	16,626
		Sabar estate ...	...	...	...	....	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	25,776	8,062	13,578	10,415	2,578	3,048	36,191	10,640	16,626
	Muzaffarpur ...	Shewhur estate ...									Statement
	Darbhanga ...	Nurhan estate ...	11,138	1,812	3,043	4,592	1,150	766	15,730	2,962	3,809
		Paigumberpur estate									Statements
		Mahiuddinagar ,, ...									
Bhagalpur.	Bhagalpur ...	Lugma estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Sukhraj Roy's estate...	15,784	1,988	100	312	951	32	16,096	2,939	132
		Total ...	15,784	1,988	100	312	951	32	16,096	2,939	132
	Purnea	Khagra estate	13,103	3,498	2,258	15,188	1,458	2,603	28,291	4,956	4,861
Orissa.	Cuttack ...	Kanika estate ...									Statements
		Madhupur ,, ...									
		Kujang ,, ...									Statement returned for correction
		Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore ...	Jamkunda estate ...									Statement.
		*Shahabandar ,, ...	4,832	2,073	259	...	490	...	4,832	2,563	259
		Total ...	4,832	2,073	259	...	490	...	4,832	2,563	259
	Puri ...	Wards' estates ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpur.	Manbhum ...	Jhalda estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Jharia ,, ...									Re
		Begoonkoodar estate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Nagarkeari estate ...	335	...	...	...	...	3	335	...	3
		Total ...	335	...	...	...	...	3	335	...	3
	Palamau ...	Panjrikallan estate ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Hazaribagh ...	Dhanwar estate ...	234	...	262	305	8	246	539	8	508
		Satgaon and other encumbered estates.	3,084	...	397(a)	356	...	91	3,440	...	488
		Total ...	3,318	...	659	661	8	337	3,979	8	996
		Grand Total ...	4,24,444	73,671	44,767	2,64,878	42,703	35,852	6,89,322	1,16,374	80,619

* This was released on the

(a) The difference is owing to the cost having been

Realized during 1894-95.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.		
Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.	Principal.	Interest.	Costs.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
not received.											
...	...	...	210	7	17	...	...	...	210	7	17
not received.											
...	...	...	114	3	2	...	...	...	114	3	2
...	...	...	153	1	3	...	...	...	153	1	3
not received.											
but not yet received back.											
197	...	...	4,846	39	48	...	...	...	4,846	39	48
1,784	50	51	4,695	78	413	...	...	...	4,695	78	413
1,981	50	51	10,018	128	483	...	...	...	10,018	128	483
not received.											
...	...	...	73	3	...	...	...	...	73	3	...
192	...	...	1,639	189	1,186	...	...	...	1,639	189	1,186
192	...	...	1,712	192	1,186	...	...	...	1,712	192	1,186
45,675	2,533	550	2,27,210	34,615	8,287	43,583	1,039	219	1,83,627	33,576	8,068
...	...	...	4,075	421	540	...	...	...	4,075	421	540
not received.											
45,675	2,533	550	2,31,286	35,036	8,827	43,583	1,039	219	1,87,702	33,997	8,608
3,871	585	676	32,320	10,055	15,950	19,694	2,173	4,358	12,626	7,882	11,592
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3,871	585	676	32,320	10,055	15,950	19,694	2,173	4,358	12,626	7,882	11,592
not received.											
3,598	407	638	12,132	2,555	3,171	...	31	19	12,132	2,524	3,152
not received.											
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1,063	18	100	15,033	2,921	32	...	...	...	15,033	2,921	32
1,063	18	100	15,033	2,921	32	...	...	...	15,033	2,921	32
3,341	195	721	24,950	4,761	4,140	...	...	...	24,950	4,761	4,140
not received.											
and explanation, but not yet received back.											
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
not received.											
...	...	...	4,832	2,563	259	...	...	...	4,832	2,563	259
...	...	...	4,832	2,563	259	...	...	...	4,832	2,563	259
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
leased.											
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	335	...	3	...	...	...	335	...	3
...	...	...	335	...	3	...	...	...	335	...	3
...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	90	535	8	418	160	...	203	375	8	215
3,189	...	24	251	...	464	...	...	...	251	...	464
3,193	...	114	786	8	882	160	...	203	626	8	679
1,19,480	15,741	16,584	5,69,842	1,00,633	64,038	68,815	4,440	5,605	5,01,027	96,193	58,433

7th December 1894.
modified by the Appellate Court.

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General Abstract Statement showing what portion of the amounts decreed in favour of Government in Pauper Suits was realized and what was outstanding on the 1st April 1895.

Divisions.	Districts.	Outstanding on the 1st April 1894.			Awarded in favour of Government from 1st April 1894 to 31st March 1895.			Total.			Realized during 1894-95.			Balance.			Remitted by competent authority.			Net balance.			Expended during the year.
		Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	Principal.	Interest.	Cost.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Burdwan	Burdwan ...	322	...	...	24	...	...	346	...	...	24	...	...	322	...	...	...	...	...	322	...	...	171
	Birbhum ...	...	...	...	15	...	...	15	...	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bankura ...	283	...	31	190	...	6	476	...	37	99	...	8	374	...	29	...	...	...	374	...	29	12
	Midnapore ...	8,165	...	300	1,258	...	47	9,423	...	347	402	...	18	9,021	...	329	6,645	...	114	2,376	...	215	111
	Hooghly ...	4,851	...	37	684	...	30	5,535	...	67	716	...	14	4,819	...	53	603	...	19	4,216	...	34	37
Presidency	24-Parganas ...	4,160	...	200	2,876	...	42	7,056	...	242	763	...	42	6,293	...	200	789	...	...	5,504	...	200	10
	Nadia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
	Murshidabad	(a) 3,054	...	...	1,056	...	6	4,110	...	6	894	...	6	3,216	...	...	1,196	...	...	2,020	...	...	35
	Jessore ...	Statement not received.																					
	Khulna ...	1,552	...	77	57	...	...	1,609	...	77	81	...	...	1,528	...	77	591	...	...	937	...	77	...
Rajshahi	Rajshahi ...	(b) 1,470	...	...	60	...	...	1,530	...	...	60	...	...	1,470	...	...	...	...	...	1,470	...	...	...
	Dinajpur ...	47	...	...	177	...	...	224	...	...	75	...	...	149	...	...	...	...	...	149	...	...	...
	Jalpaiguri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Darjeeling ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Rangpur ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Bogra ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Pabna ...	...	...	5	...	...	109	...	...	114	...	...	...	...	...	114	...	...	...	...	...	114	9
Dacca	Dacca ...	(c) 7,096	...	175	1,047	...	40	8,143	...	215	514	...	10	7,629	...	205	...	...	...	7,629	...	205	10
	Mymensingh	399	...	29	...	...	55	399	...	84	161	...	...	238	...	84	113	...	2	125	...	82	49
	Faridpur ...	620	...	3	1,287	...	37	1,977	...	40	212	...	11	1,765	...	29	...	...	...	1,765	...	29	24
	Backergunge	1,944	...	117	1,180	...	3	3,124	...	120	...	...	...	3,124	...	120	1,944	...	117	1,180	...	3	3
Chittagong	Tippera ...	99	...	18	123	...	6	222	...	24	49	...	18	173	...	6	88	...	...	85	...	6	...
	Noakhali ...	73	10	16	90	...	...	163	10	16	...	...	...	163	10	16	73	10	16	90	...	...	8
	Chittagong ...	Statement not received.																					
Patna	Patna	3,393	...	...	2,376	...	...	5,769	...	...	...	...	...	5,769	...	...	...	...	...	5,769	...	...	...
	Gaya	58	...	...	66	...	...	124	...	...	80	...	...	44	...	...	...	...	...	44	...	...	...
	Shahabad ...	116	...	...	52	...	...	168	...	...	31	...	...	137	...	...	85	...	...	52	...	...	3
	Saran ...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	...	45	...	...	17	...	...	28	...	...	...	...	...	28	45
	Champaran ...	Statement not received.																					
	Muzaffarpur...																						
	Darbhanga ...	22	...	...	2,985	...	...	3,007	...	...	...	...	...	3,007	...	...	...	...	...	3,007	...	...	18
Bhagalpur	Monghyr ...	Statement not received.																					
	Bhagalpur ...																						
	Purnea ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Malda ...	...	...	...	8	...	...	8	...	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
	Sonthal Parganas.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Orissa	Cuttack ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Balasore ...	...	...	819(d)	...	...	3	...	...	822	...	...	...	...	...	822	...	...	...	...	...	822	3
	Puri ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chota Nagpur.	Hazaribagh ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Lohardaga ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Palamau ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Manbhum ...	1,942	...	...	560	...	9	2,502	...	9	303	...	3	2,199	...	6	668	...	...	1,531	...	6	10
	Singhbhum ...	...	...	...	43	...	...	43	...	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	39,756	10	1,827	16,214	...	438	55,970	10	2,265	4,530	...	147	51,440	10	2,118	12,795	10	268	38,645	...	1,850	572

(a) The increase of Rs. 20 is due to lower court's order having been amended by the District Judge on appeal.
(b) Last year's statement was not received in time for inclusion in the report.
(c) The difference is owing to the figures in Collector's statement for the last year having been incorrectly shown.
(d) The difference is due to the fact that a decree for Rs. 100 was inadvertently omitted to be shown in the Collector's statements for the last year.

E. J. H. & others—Reg. No. 741J—247—21-6-95.

No. 3858J.

RESOLUTION.

JUDICIAL.

Calcutta, the 15th July 1895.

READ—

The Report on the Legal Affairs of the Government of Bengal for the year 1894-95.

Read also—

The Reports of the two previous years and the orders of Government thereon.

IN view of a representation made by the Legal Remembrancer in his report for last year, the date fixed for the receipt of this report by Government was changed from the 1st May to the 15th May. This report was therefore due on the 15th May, but it was not received in this office till the 24th June. The Legal Remembrancer again adverts to the difficulty of submitting it in time, and the disadvantage at which he is placed by a hurriedly-prepared and insufficiently-considered report. The Lieutenant-Governor recognizes the force of these representations, and the question will be further considered by Government.

2. The appeal, which was referred to in the report for last year as pending before the Privy Council, has remained undecided. During the year under report one fresh appeal, in which the Syedpur Trust Estate is the respondent, has been filed before the Privy Council.

3. The subjoined table compares the results of Government litigation in all the Civil Courts of Bengal during 1894-95 with those of the two preceding years:—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before Lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Decided in favour of Government.	336	209	110	44	47	45	11	27	18	391	283	173
Decided against Government	116	63	36	12	7	12	6	11	2	134	81	50
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	108	46	13	8	18	8	4	6	4	120	70	25
Percentage in favour of Government.	74·4	76·8	75·3	78·5	87·03	78·9	64·7	71·05	90·	74·5	77·7	77·5

Excluding cases under the Land Acquisition Act, the figures are as under:—

	Original cases.			Appeals— Before Lower Courts.			Appeals— Before High Court.			Total.		
	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Decided in favour of Government.	145	104	86	44	47	45	11	27	17	200	178	148
Decided against Government...	52	40	36	12	7	12	6	9	1	72	56	49
Compromised, remanded, or withdrawn.	8	21	12	8	18	7	4	5	4	20	44	23
Percentage in favour of Government.	73·6	72·2	70·4	78·5	87·03	78·9	64·7	75	94·4	73·5	76·06	75·1

The remarkable decrease in Government litigation during the year is ascribed to the unusually small number of land acquisition cases. This no

doubt is the principal cause, but the figures show that excluding such cases there has been a satisfactory decrease in the number of original cases during the past three years.

4. Only two cases were decided adversely to Government in the High Court. In the lower appellate courts twelve cases were decided against Government, but only five of these were conducted after reference to the Legal Remembrancer. That officer remarks that "this complete disregard of the clear and distinct rules for the conduct of civil suits and appeals fully accounts for the unfavourable results." Sir Charles Elliott takes this opportunity of directing attention to the standing orders on this subject, and warns Collectors that if, in transgression of the rules, they take upon themselves the responsibility of filing Government appeals without consulting the Legal Remembrancer, they render themselves liable to be held personally responsible for any loss which may be incurred by the Government. Out of 36 cases decided against Government in courts of first instance, four were not reported to the office of the Legal Remembrancer. But it is not satisfactory, to find that 32 cases, which were so reported, should have been lost. Mr. Beighton assigns two causes for this result. He writes: "Instead of ascertaining and committing to writing precisely what the witnesses to be examined on behalf of Government are prepared to say, too much reliance is placed on the reports of local officers, who, without examining the witnesses themselves, content themselves with a vague assurance that certain facts will be established in evidence," and he adds that it is a matter of common occurrence for the papers to reach his office so late that he has often to decide important questions, on which his opinion and advice are sought, on imperfect materials and without the proper time for deliberation that the nature of the case demands. The Lieutenant-Governor has read these remarks with regret, as disclosing what he must look upon as serious neglect on the part of Collectors whose duty it is to safeguard the interests of Government by every precaution in their power.

5. The following statement shows the results of Court of Wards' litigation during the last three years in all Courts:—

	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4
Decided in favour of Court of Wards	654	1,322	1,561
Decided against ditto	73	133	215
Compromised, remanded or withdrawn	66	55	49
Percentage in favour of Court of Wards	89·9	90·8	87·8

There has again been a considerable increase in litigation, chiefly in the courts of first instance, for which no reason is given. Of 25 cases decided in the High Court, 11, or almost half, were decreed against Government. Nine of these cases were instituted by the Tikari estate in Gaya for the recovery of certain charges which were held to be *abwabs*, and hence illegal. In the lower Appellate Courts, 35 cases were decided against the Court of Wards, mostly suits for the recovery of rent and dák and other cesses, for establishment of occupancy rights, and for setting aside sales held under the certificate procedure. Of 169 cases decided adversely in courts of first instance, the Court of Wards was plaintiff in 59 cases and defendant in 110. The most important of the cases decided against Wards' estates during the year was a suit brought by Rani Parbati Kumari against the minor proprietor of the Jambuni estate in Midnapore for possession of the whole of the estate, claiming it under the Dayabhaga law. The Court of Wards, on behalf of the minor, urged that the family has all along been under the Mitakshara law, but the Subordinate Judge decreed the suit in favour of the plaintiff. An appeal against this decision is about to be preferred to the High Court.

6. The following figures show the extent to which decretal amounts due to Government have been realised in 1894-95 and the two previous years :—

	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realisation	42,017	47,190	34,726
2. „ realised during the year ...	12,616	8,943	6,034
3. Percentage of recovery	29·5	18·9	17·3

The net balance outstanding at the close of the year was Rs. 27,164. Since 1891-92, when the percentage of recovery was 45·25, there has been a very marked falling off in the realisations effected. The Legal Remembrancer has recently submitted a proposal to Government for appointing a special officer for the purpose of realising the arrears, and he has dwelt at some length in this report upon the necessity of adopting fresh measures. These proposals, which can not conveniently be dealt with in an annual report, have received the separate consideration of Government. The districts noted in the margin show the heaviest outstanding balances. No progress appears to have been made since last year in the Sonthal Parganas, and the Lieutenant-Governor trusts that energetic measures will be taken by the Deputy Commissioner to show better results.

	Rs.
Sonthal Parganas	14,845
Faridpur ...	4,741
Hooghly ...	2,373
Saran ...	2,137

7. The subjoined table shows the amount of Wards' decrees realised during the corresponding periods:—

	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.
1	2	3	4
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Amount under realisation	9,83,675	10,80,794	8,83,083
2. Amount realised during the year ...	1,59,690	2,00,671	1,51,139
3. Percentage of recovery	16·25	18·56	17·11

In the Burdwan Raj Estate, out of a balance of Rs. 2,32,222, only Rs. 68,670 were realised; while in the Tikari Raj Estate, out of a balance of Rs. 3,18,870, only Rs. 48,758 were realised during the year. A list of 11 other estates has been given in which the realisations have been exceptionally unsatisfactory. Sir Charles Elliott fails to see in these figures any evidence of an endeavour to improve on the unsatisfactory results of previous years, which have been so repeatedly adverted to by Government, and is unable to believe that due attention has been devoted to this important branch of the administration of Wards' Estates. The notice of the Board of Revenue will again be invited to the subject.

ORDER—Ordered that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and to the Solicitor to Government, for information.

Ordered also that a copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Revenue Department of this Government and to the Board of Revenue for information.

Ordered also, that a copy of the Report and of the Reso ution be submitted to the Government of India, in the Home Department, for information.

Ordered also that a copy of the Resolution be published in the *Calcutta Gazette*.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. J. S. COTTON,

Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

No. 3859J.

COPY of the Resolution forwarded to the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs and the Solicitor to Government for information.

No. 3860J.

COPY of the Resolution forwarded to the Revenue Department of this Government and to the Board of Revenue for information.

The attention of the Court of Wards is particularly invited to paragraph 7 of the Resolution.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

C. E. A. W. OLDHAM,

Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.

CALCUTTA,
The 15th July 1895.

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